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Labour softens stance in defence manifesto

Kinnock fudge over nuclear pull-out date

● Labour will fight the election on a platform of nuclear disarmament only after a "complex discussion" with Britain's allies.

● The watering down of the unilateralist line in the party"s defence document acknowledges Labour's marketing crisis.

● Dr David Owen said the Alliance would refuse to support a minority Government implementing such a policy Page 7.

● Military commanders say spending the Trident budget on conventional weapons would not alter the military balance Page 7.

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour Party yesterday gave the first signs of a softening of its totally anti-nuclear defence stance in response to widespread condemnation in Britain and overseas.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, declined to give a deadline for the removal of American nuclear weapons from Britain, although indicating that it would take much longer than a year, and appeared to suggest that a Labour government would continue to accept Nato's nuclear strategy, including the protection for Britain of the nuclear umbrella.

But the party made plain beyond doubt that it would be fighting the next general election on the twin policies of unilateral nuclear disarmament coupled with strengthening of Britain's conventional forces.

The new defence policy, *Modern Britain in a Modern World*, unveiled by Mr Kinnock at a London press conference, make unequivocal commitments to cancel the Trident submarine programme and decommission the Polaris fleet.

It promises to work to change Nato's nuclear strategy by ending the reliance on nuclear weapons and enhancing its conventional strength.

And it makes the key pledge to remove all American nuclear weapons from Britain.

But in passages whose inclusion owe much to the party's multilateralist wing led by Mr Denis Healey, shadow Foreign Secretary, the document adds that the process "will not be without complex and thorough discussion" and that "everything we do will involve consultation with our allies."

Only two months ago Mr Kinnock said that American weapons would start being removed within 12 months of Labour coming to power.

Yesterday he declined to put a time limit on the withdrawal. He said that the removal of American weapons and bases would technically be possible within 12 months but added that "the political process requires longer discussions."

He said that the removal of American weapons would be achieved through a "process of partnership". And he went on: "In some cases doubtlessly the process will not be prolonged because of the ease with which weapons can be removed. In other cases it will be longer both for reasons of political discussion and the maintenance of the unity of Nato and also because of the technical requirements of actual removal."

Mr Kinnock, whose remarks pleased the centre-right of his party but upset the left who were largely excluded from the process of drawing up the new document, said the departure of the weapons was "not something that can be done by the flick of a switch".

The new policy commits Labour to negotiating an end to the policy of threatening first use of nulcear weapons in response to a conventional attack.

In an interview on the eve of the Labour conference in September Mr Kinnock said that a Labour government would reject the protection of the American nuclear umbrella.

But yesterday he indicated that until Britain had persuaded Nato to change its "flexible response" strategy it would continue to accept it in the interim.

"In the meantime no one can ignore the reality that our troops are part of a Nato command.

There was no qualification about the speed with which Britain will get rid of its own weapons. There would simply be a cut-off date for Trident, Mr Kinnock said, and Polaris "would not be more than a couple of months."

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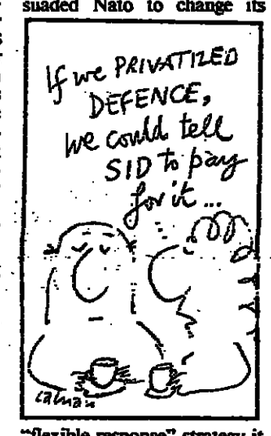
Defensive faces: Mr Kinnock and Mr Healey at yesterday's press conference in London.



Political high-wire act to prevent electoral damage

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Labour's latest defence document marks a significant step back from the party's unilateralist line.

Though the document was largely drawn up before Mr Kinnock's trip to the United States, the hostile reception he met there, with Republicans warning publicly that Labour's policies would unravel and ultimately destroy the Nato alliance and Democrats counselling much the same in private, has left its mark.

While the US political establishment and the audiences Mr Kinnock reached regarded Labour's proposed scrapping of Polaris and cancellation of Trident with comparative equanimity, they were appalled at the plan to close down the US nuclear bases.

Mr Kinnock was warned, as he was last week by Nato's supreme commander, General Bernard Rogers, that US public opinion was unlikely to be willing to leave 330,000 troops in Europe if they were unprotected by the nuclear umbrella.

And while there was some sympathy for and interest in Mr Kinnock's arguments that Nato should pledge no first use of nuclear weapons and move from the flexible response strategy — involving the threat of nuclear strikes to counter conventional advances — to defence by strong conventional forces alone, it was asked again and again why Labour should be willing to risk the future of Nato by acting unilaterally rather than in consultation with allies.

At the very least they wanted the promised build-up of conventional arms forces to take place before there was any consideration of removing the nuclear umbrella.

Mr Kinnock is having to perform a political high-wire act. The multi-lateralists in his shadow Cabinet, including Denis Healey, Roy Hattersley, John Smith, Peter Shore and Jack Cunningham are well aware of the damage being done to electoral prospects by the public perception of the unilateralist defence policy.

Since it was first heavily publicized in October, Labour's poll rating has declined steadily and the Conservatives are now back in front — by 6 per cent according to the latest Harris poll.

But Mr Kinnock, a sincere and convinced unilateralist who does not need his CND-supporting wife Glenys to push him on this issue as many allege, is well aware that his defence policy is virtually his last lifeline to the party's left, whom he has upset on many other issues. They were complaining yesterday and have been objecting that they have been left out of the decision-making process.

Suspicions will intensify that the centre-right will further water down the policy when the shadow Cabinet and

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Defence strategy derided as 'dangerous'

The Labour Party's new defence policy was "desperately dangerous" and would leave Britain defenceless in an uncertain world, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said yesterday.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, also condemned the Labour proposals. He said: "There is no way that we would give a non-nuclear strategy the time of day."

He made it clear that the Alliance would refuse to support a minority Labour government if it insisted on its non-nuclear policy.

Mr Younger, speaking in London, said that a totally conventional strategy would almost certainly mean a return to conscription. He added: "Unilateral disarmament would torpedo the prospect of successful arms talks between East and West. Why should the Russians negotiate seriously when everything is conceded to them in advance?"

Mr Younger said the idea that using Trident money on conventional forces could redress the conventional imbalance between Nato and the Warsaw Pact was illusory.

Mr Younger said it was sad that Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, and Mr Denis Healey, the shadow Foreign Secretary, could not bring themselves to speak for Britain at this important time.

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Tomorrow

Giving birth to death

This is baby Jamie. He may have Aids, contracted in his mother's womb. He may die. Certainly he will need medical checks all his life. There are others like him. Some already have the disease. **Thomson Prentice** reports on the new generation of Aids victims.

Silence on Paris terrorist proposal

From Diana Geddes
Paris

There was silence from the French Government yesterday after President Mitterrand's astonishing public revelation that France had considered, and would be prepared to consider again, the release of an Arab terrorist imprisoned in France in exchange for the five remaining French hostages in Beirut.

M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, has always insisted that the Government would never be prepared to consider such a deal.

"France will not give in to any form of blackmail or engage in any compromise (with terrorists) because that will only lead to further terrorist acts," he told Parliament in October. "No discussion, direct or indirect, is possible with terrorists."

President Mitterrand said on Tuesday night that the government of M Laurent Fabius and that of M Chirac had considered a presidential pardon for Anis Naccache — the pro-Iranian leader of a four-man commando team who tried to assassinate Mr Shapur Bakhtiar, the last Iranian Prime Minister under the Shah — in exchange for the release of French hostages.

M Mitterrand said he would be prepared to consider such a pardon provided all the hostages were released simultaneously

Naccache's release has been demanded by the Iranian authorities and the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad, which is known to be holding at least three of the French hostages.

Rumours that successive French governments have tried to secure the release of the hostages in exchange for Naccache have been around circulating for some time, but M Mitterrand's announcement is the first time they have been admitted openly.

His comments also contained a message for Iran: The hostage problem, however preoccupying, could not be allowed to change the main lines of France's foreign policy.

In particular, "France cannot suddenly form an alliance with Iran and forget its undertakings with Iraq."

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Casey quizzed on role of CIA

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Mr William Casey, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, testified yesterday on the Iran affair to the House of Representatives' foreign affairs committee at a closed session.

No public disclosure was made of what he said about the CIA role in the shipment of arms to Iran and the handling of the funds in Swiss banks, increasingly the investigation.

The New York Times said yesterday that Mr Casey came to know about the diversion of funds to the Contras a month before Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney General discovered this. This conflicts with Mr Meese's assertion last month that only two officials, Admiral John Poindexter and Colonel Oliver North, knew about this.

The paper said Mr Casey was told by subordinates at the CIA, who found out through the agency's intelligence-gathering efforts. They and Mr Casey confronted Admiral Poindexter, then the National Security Adviser, who in turn promised to look into the reported diversion.

On Tuesday General Richard Secord, the retired Pentagon officer who was deeply involved in raising private money for the Nicaraguan Contras, refused to answer questions before the Senate committee, invoking his Fifth Amendment rights.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, has suggested that President Reagan himself would be willing to answer questions about the affair. Asked whether he would accept questioning from the independent counsel, yet to be appointed by a court, Mr Speakes replied: "I'm sure the President would be willing to comply with any and all requests to talk to him."

He added: "The President will respond as openly and as truthfully and as quickly as he can. But he has to wait until the facts are determined

There is, however, no suggestion that Mr Reagan should appear before any of the congressional committees now in session or before the two special investigating committees that will be set up by the House and Senate.

British protest to Iran

Whitehall protested to Tehran yesterday after learning through news agency reports that the detained British businessman, Mr Roger Cooper, may face espionage charges (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes).

On Monday Mr Akhunzadeh Basti, the Iranian Charge d'Affaires, was summoned to the Foreign Office and warned that Anglo-Iranian diplomatic relations could be scaled down if Mr Cooper's detention continued.

Mr Cooper, aged 51, has been held without charge in a Tehran jail for one year. Repeated British demands for consular access have been ignored.

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A new hope

Britain's hope in the America's Cup, White Crusader, may live to fight again. The British team has lodged a protest with the international jury against USA, the yacht that beat them on Monday Page 41

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Record merger

Nationwide and Anglia, the third and seventh-biggest building societies in Britain, are to merge next year, the biggest such marriage in the sector's history Page 25

Profits soar

Profits at Guinness, the brewing and spirits group, soared 180 per cent to £241 million, helped by a first contribution of Distillers, the whisky group taken over last spring Page 25

Best value

Companies recruiting graduates should value their potential as highly as any skills they may have acquired, says Geoff Unwin, managing director of a computer services company, in an introduction to today's five-page General Appointments section

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Finns' future

A Special Report on Finland looks at the country's tangled relations with the Soviet Union and the changes that appear imminent on its internal political scene.

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Pretoria tightens screws on press

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

In a further tightening of the screws of repression, the South African Government is to impose an unprecedented blanket ban from today on all unauthorized reporting of "unrest" — a very broadly defined concept — by both local and foreign journalists, which have not been cleared in advance by officials.

The Southern African Society of Journalists, the main journalists' union, last night called the new media curbs "pre-publication censorship — the final resort of the world's worst dictatorships."

The broad outline of the new regulations was confirmed here yesterday by Mr Stoffel van der Merwe, the Deputy Minister of Information, at a lunch with foreign correspondents.

Mr van der Merwe did not go into details, but said that reporting of "all sorts of resistance" to the Government would be covered by the new measures, which go considerably further than the severe press curbs already in force under the state of emergency, in force since June 12.

Any unrest-related information, as defined in the regulations, will have to be approved by the relevant Government department before it can be published. Journalists and newspapers which do not observe this procedure will have to take the consequences.

Under the present emergency regulations, any person found guilty of violating them is liable to a maximum fine of 20,000 rands (£6,250) and/or a prison term of 10 years.

It is expected that "unrest" be defined to cover almost any kind of agitation or anti-government activity, including boycotts, demonstrations, meetings and processions, and not merely riots and violence.

Even reporting of statements by MPs on such matters will be subject to official clearance, Mr van der Merwe, who heads the Government's Bureau for Information, said. This, it is understood, would not apply to statements made in Parliament itself.

Lawson U-turns criticized

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

The Government has been accused of making a U-turn in important areas of economic policy by the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee.

The committee, in a critical report on the Chancellor's autumn statement, said there had been substantial changes of policy on public spending control, reducing the money supply and the role of interest rates and exchange rates.

The committee's chairman, Mr Terence Higgins, said many of the changes, such as the reduced role for the sterling M3 measure of the money supply, were welcome. But monetary policy was described as "obscure".

The committee said the Government's revised plans for public spending represented a modification of previous ambitions, though it welcomed the higher capital spending.

Dead man 'helped' convict a relative

Evidence from a dead man yesterday helped convict a former Army staff sergeant of killing two people by reckless driving after an evening's drinking.

Police were unable to breath-test Albert Gorton after the head-on crash because of his serious injuries. However, tests on the body of his brother-in-law, who was killed in the accident, showed he was on the drink-drive border line. The court was told that Gorton, aged 47, who denied two charges of causing death by reckless driving, had matched Mr Gerald Potter's drinking pint for pint.

Judge Harry Bennett, QC, ruled that the jury at York Crown Court should hear of the tests on the dead man's body, despite protests from Mr John Sleightholme, for the defence.

Mr John Cockcroft, for the prosecution, said: "The accused had drunk the same as his brother-in-law."

Tests showed the dead man showed had drunk the equivalent of three pints of beer. Members of the jury might believe to drive after drinking that amount was reckless, said Mr Cockcroft.

He added eye-witnesses saw Gorton, of Barnsley Road, Hemsworth, Pontefract, West Yorkshire driving erratically as he left York following a meal with his sister Alma Potter and her husband Gerald.

Minutes later Gorton's 3½ litre Rover hit a Vauxhall Viva, killing Mr Potter and Mr Peter Milson, a learner-driver aged 21, of Calcaria Road, Tadcaster.

Mr Cockcroft said police checks showed the Rover's speedometer had jammed at 56 mph — it was a 30 mph road.

Hospital tests carried out on Mr Potter's body were dismissed as "nonsense" by Mr Sleightholme, because drink affects people differently.

Gorton was fined a total of £225 for causing death by reckless driving and an admitted offence of fraudulent use of a tax disc. He was also banned from driving for five years.

Record price for Rembrandt's unknown girl

By David Sapsted

A Rembrandt portrait of a plump girl, possibly the artist's sister, was sold for £7.26 million, a record price for a painting by the Flemish master, at Sotheby's yesterday.

The buyer of *Portait of a Lady* wishes to remain anonymous and Sotheby's staff even refusing to disclose the continent he lives in.

Although the London auctioneers had cautiously put a price tag of around £2 million on the oval portrait — sold from a private collection in the United States — there was speculation before the sale that, given the increasing prices of works of art, it could top the £8.1 million paid for the world's most expensive painting, Mantegna's *The Adoration of the Magi*, in April last year.

The bidding opened at £500,000 and there were several bidders up to £3 million, the New York dealers Feigen being the last to drop out.

The final bid was £6.6 million, Sotheby's 10 per cent commission, which both seller and buyer have to pay, being added to the price. The only tax liability on the picture is the 15 per cent VAT added to the commission charges.

It was once owned by Prince Johannes II of Lichtenstein, and was bought in 1929 by an American millionaire, the late Mr Robert Treat Paine II. It was on loan to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston for 20 years before Mr Paine's family decided to sell it earlier this year.

The girl in the portrait, wearing a serious expression and a black cloak trimmed with gold, shares Rembrandt's plump features. While some believe she may be the artist's sister, or even his first wife, other experts say she came straight from the artist's imagination.

There is no question among scholars that the work is anything but genuine: it is signed by Rembrandt and dated 1632.

Works by Rembrandt are a rarity at auction. The previous highest price, $2.3 million (£1.6 bn) in 1961, was paid for *Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer* at Parke-Bernet, the New York firm subsequently taken over by Sotheby's.

The last Rembrandt which appeared on the market was a less important portrait which made just over £478,000 in 1980, also in New York.

As yesterday's painting came from the United States, there will be no need for an export licence from Britain, assuming it is going abroad again.

In the same sale, two portraits by Rembrandt's contemporary, Frans Hals, were bought in at £1.4 million and £1.6 million.

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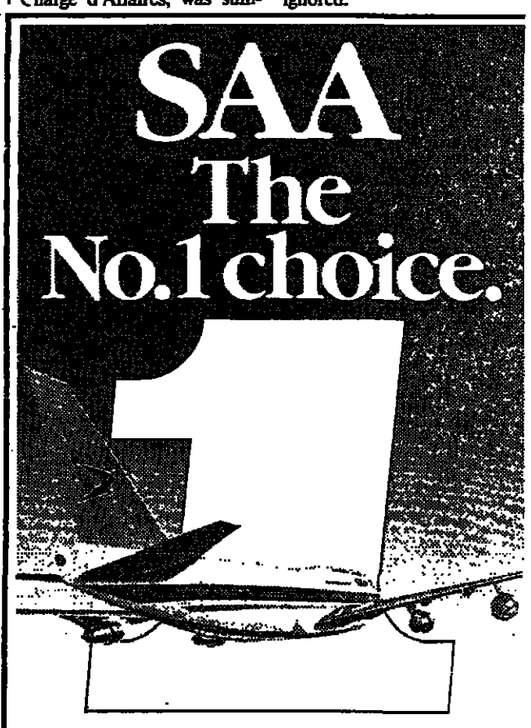

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£5.5m award for bog treasure

An Irish businessman and his son should be paid £5.5 million for a hoard of treasure which they found in a bog with the aid of a £100 metal detector, a Dublin High Court judge ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Blayney, who ruled last July that the early Christian altar set was not state property, said that the money should be paid by the Irish National Museum if it wanted to keep the pieces, found in Co Tipperary in 1980.

But Mr Michael Webb, aged 58, of Clonmel, Co Tipperary, and his son, Michael, aged 22, will have to wait for their money. The museum will be appealing because it says the ruling favours unlawful excavation.

Magazine seizure

Magistrates at Newham, east London, yesterday ordered the seizure of 200,000 pornographic magazines valued at more than £250,000 after a day at a warehouse in south-east London. The crown prosecution service will decide on whether to issue summonses.

The magazines belong to Quietlynn, which has had material removed before only to have it returned after magistrates ruled it not obscene.

Sogat to recruit

Sogat '82, the largest print union, which said it was financially crippled by its dispute with News International, launched a £70,000 national campaign yesterday to recruit at least 10,000 more members over the next year.

Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary, did not believe it would involve competition with other unions.The union has 206,000 members, a 5 per cent drop from two years ago.

Dimbleby honoured

Richard Dimbleby, the broadcaster, who died in 1965, is to be commemorated by a plaque in Westminster Abbey, it was announced yesterday .

The plaque records his work, particularly his role as commentator on state occasions and services at the abbey where it will be unveiled next Tuesday at a service attended by Princess Alexandra.

Mr David Dimbleby, his son, said: "Twenty-one years after his death, far from being forgotten as he expected, his reputation has never been higher."

'Panther' plea fails

Peter Sellers's widow, the actress Lynne Frederick (right), can keep her one million dollar damages awarded for the illegal use of "out-takes" from his successful Pink Panther films.

The Court of Appeal yesterday dismissed an appeal by Blake Edwards, the film director, that he was entitled to use clips and discarded pieces of old film to make a new film, *Trail of the Pink Panther*.

Miss Frederick, aged 32, who lives in Los Angeles, claimed that the film was an "insult" to her former husband's name, and he would have "hated" it.

Magazines ban lifted

The next round of the battle between Mr Robert Maxwell and *Private Eye* is to be fought on leading newsagents' shelves after all.

***W H Smith* and John Menzies said yesterday that they would distribute a special glossy fund-raising issue and W H Smith also lifted an earlier ban on Mr Maxwell's spoof magazine, *Not Private Eye*.**

Unicef mourns the children who die needlessly

By Paul Vallely

More children died, as a *matter of routine, in* Bangladesh during the past two years than perished during the entire Ethiopian famine.

That is but one example of the "silent emergency" given in the 1987 "State of the World's Children" report issued in London yesterday by Unicef, the United Nations Children's Fund.

The silent emergency is the one in which 280,000 children die needlessly every week from diseases which could be countered by treatments which cost only a few pence per head.

In a report launched to mark the fortieth anniversary of the foundation of Unicef, the organization calls for a *new international impetus* to halve the world's infant mortality rate by 1990 using new low-cost technologies which piggyback upon those hesitant infrastructures which already exist in the Third World.

"It makes no moral difference that these millions of children did not die in any one particular place at one particular time. But it does mean that their suffering cannot be framed in the viewfinder of a camera," the report says, calling on governments, aid agencies and the news media to mobilize once more the public indignation and compassion aroused by the "loud emergency" of the African famine.

The two main killers in the developing world are diarrhoea and a group of diseases which are preventable by vaccination. Dehydration caused by diarrhoea kills 14,000 children every day. Deaths from measles, whooping cough, polio, tetanus and diptheria are around 10,000 every day.

Almost 90 per cent of these are easily and cheaply preventable. Dehydration can be cured by administering oral rehydration salts (a mixture of salt, sugar and water in the correct proportions). The other diseases can be warded off by an immunization package which costs less than £5 per head. Big health advances could also be made by the promotion of breast-feeding, improved weaning, weight and growth monitoring and birth spacing. What is lacking in the developing world today is the effort to communicate news of these simple remedies.

The effectiveness of the new low-cost strategy has already been proved in countries like Colombia, Brazil and the Cameroons. But to extend it throughout the developing world requires a demonstration of political will from Third World leaders which goes beyond the lip-service of the past. It also requires a continuing commitment from governments of the industrialized nations.

In fact the 1980s has seen the opposite happen. Despite the somewhat fragile economic improvements in the West, the report says, "for the first time we are witnessing a recovery of growth without a corresponding recovery in either commodity prices or employment levels.

Unicef is critical of the whole industry which has been created in the aid world which has "led to a mammoth production of complex problem analyses" which have produced either irrelevant action or "presented problems as so intrinsically complex that the courage to act is killed."

The Unicef report considers "the main lesson of the last four decades of development effort to be the realization that the only forms of aid which have proved successful are those simple measures which the local people have understood, approved and modified to their own needs rather than dauntingly comprehensive packages by outside experts."

● A £75 million package of aid is being put together for the 320 million children under 14 in India by Unicef.

Government is prepared to guillotine teacher Bill

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Government was last night prepared to guillotine a debate on the final stages of the Bill empowering an imposed settlement of the teachers' pay dispute. That would ensure it completes its Commons stages by Christmas.

Ministers' determination not to be deflected from their course was underlined as it became clear that the Opposition is bent on delaying the passage of the controversial legislation. The Opposition *plan to keep the House sitting* through the night and into this afternoon to wipe out today's business.

Government sources said they would see how successful the Opposition's tactics proved to be before deciding whether to bring in a guillotine motion — a move that requires 24 hours notice and must be preceeded by a three-hour debate.

With the committee stage being taken on the floor of the House, MPs were debating some 140 amendments and seven new clauses tabled by the opposition parties.

The seven-clause Bill scraps the Burnham pay bargaining committee and replaces it with an interim advisory committee to guide Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, on teachers' salaries and duties.

It also gives him power to over-ride the committee and impose settlements up to 1990 at the least.

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's frontbench education spokesman, accused Mr Baker of seeking to "railroad" the Commons by pushing through the Bill without consultation.

"Such haste and lack of consideration might have been justified in time of war or to stop terrorrism, but cannot be justified in this highly controversial Bill, which abolishes collective bargaining until 1990 at the least and puts in its place naked ministerial diktat."

But Mr James Pawsey, Tory MP for Rugby and Kenilworth and chairman of the backbench education committee, said Mr Baker had been left with no choice in the light of all the recent disruption in schools and the lack of agreement among the unions.

Earlier, 800 teachers had lobbied Westminister as part of the campaign by the National Union of Teachers against the Bill.

They were told that the Educational Institute of Scotland, which has rejected a 16.4 per cent pay and conditions package similar to that put forward by Mr Baker, would support them in their struggle.

Mr John Pollock, the general secretary said: "Legislation will spread this dispute far beyond the classroom. Teachers must not be left to fight alone because it is a fight *on behalf of the whole of* society. There must be a negotiated settlement. That is the only way forward in a democratic society."

Drop in grant fails to put students off

A 13 per cent fall in the value of student grants since 1979 has not deterred a record number of students from entering higher education. Mr George Walden, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, told a Commons committee yesterday (Our Education Correspondent writes).

However, he said the Government acknowledged that the grant was not "fully satisfactory".

Mr Walden said it was often claimed that loans acted as a disincentive. Yet in those countries where they were commonplace, such as the United States, Sweden, Germany and France, there was an even greater proportion of young people enrolled in higher education.

Mr Walden told the committee that grants to nearly half a million students were costing the taxpayer £500 million a year.

He went on to attack proposals by the National Union of Students, which he calculated would raise the cost to £800 million a year, with another £1 billion on top of that to pay a "student wage" to all young people aged 16 to 19 continuing in further education.

Mr Walden said he could not believe that the NUS proposals represented the views of students as a whole.

He added that he was not a "blind believer" in loans. It was important not to discourage those with a lower income background.

The inquiry into student support is thought unlikely to report until after the next general election.

Mrs Mary Handley, aged 66, was killed when a gas explosion destroyed this cottage in the village of Bulford on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire, yesterday. She died after staggering into her front garden and collapsing on the fence.A spokesman for British Gas said later that it was inspecting a fracture in a six-inch gas main alongside the pavement.

Mr Patrick Shannon, aged 28, an upholsterer on his way to work, was one of the first on the scene. He held a ladder while another man climbed up and looked into the building. "We saw a figure stagger out and fall down on to the fence. We couldn't get any closer to the house because of the heat of the fire," he said.

Richard Stephenson, a newspaper delivery boy, said he could hear a hissing sound and a smell like bad eggs when he passed the house.

Rent debt rise is corrupt, MP says

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Brent council's bad rent collection record was blamed on corruption by a Tory MP yesterday.

The west London borough failed to collect 63 per cent of rent owing in the 12 months up to April, a figure twice as bad as any other council.

Mr Harry Greenway, MP for Ealing North, said: "Brent's quite disgraceful failure to collect so much rent can only be due to dangerous inefficiency or, more likely, very serious corruption. This is the latest example of the extreme inefficiency and maladminstration of this council."

He called for the Audit Commission to investigate.

National arrears rose to *£210 million during the year*, equivalent to 5.7 per cent of rent payable, with the 20 worst authorities reporting debts of more than £100 million.

However, Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, said last night that more than 300 authorities had kept arrears below 5 per cent and well over 100 had arrears below 2 per cent.

The 10 worst councils, according to local authority figures, are:
Brent £10.96 million (63 per cent of rent collectable);
Haringey £5.59 million (28.5 per cent);
Southwark £13.36 million (24.4 per cent);
Lambeth £10 million* (24 per cent);
Waltham Forest £4.36 million (23.6 per cent);
Lewisham £6.83 million (19.5 per cent);
Islington £6.17 million (18.2 per cent);
Hackney £5.49 million (16.2 per cent);
Camden £4.40 million (15.6 per cent);
Liverpool £7.67 million (13.1 per cent);
*Department of Environment estimate.

Anti-Aids exchange for needles

By Thomson Prentice

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, is likely to recommend a scheme of free exchange needles for drug addicts, in the fight against Aids, after watching a similar scheme at work in Amsterdam yesterday.

A bus serves as a mobile clinic and tours the city every day trading new needles for old with Amsterdam's huge population of drug users.

The bus also dispenses phials of methadone as a heroin substitute but such a move is not being contemplated in Britain.

The Amsterdam health department brought in the needle exchange last year after a surge of Aids virus cases.

A similar crisis has already occurred in some British cities, most notably Edinburgh, where over 1,000 addicts are now believed to be Aids carriers and 25 babies have been born infected

Study calls for job guarantee scheme

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Jobs guaranteed by the Government for the long-term unemployed is a feasible and cost-effective way of reducing the "waste and despair" of remaining on unemployment benefit, the Employment Institute said yesterday.

A report by a working group of the institute, an all-party pressure group, said that 750,000 people could be removed from the register if the Government would agree to make a net investment of £1.3 billion to guarantee a year's work, or a place in a training programme, to anyone who had not worked for more than a year. Employers should be offered £2,000 to take on such a worker.

Their report recommended a priority "Building Improvement Programme" to deal with the huge backlog of maintenance and improvement work that needed to be done on public housing, schools, hospitals and roads.

The group rejected the calculation by the Commons employment committee, that a job guarantee scheme would cost about £4.5 billion, and said that, once savings in unemployment benefit and extra tax and national insurance recepits were allowed for, the actual cost would be less than half the Government's estimate.

Present levels of unemployment were described as unacceptable with evidence of more mental illness, broken families and ill-health.

A Job Guarantee for Long-Term Unemployed People (Richard Jackman and others, The Employment Institute, £2.50).

● A £12 million reclamation scheme to generate work in an unemployment blackspot was launched yesterday on the site of a derelict steelworks which closed five years ago with the loss of 2,800 jobs.

Within the next five years 400 acres of the once bustling British Steel Corporation's works at Normanby Park, Scunthorpe, Humberside will be renovated and an estimated 1,500 jobs created.

Hatton steps down to jeers

Mr Derek Hatton stepped down as deputy leader of Liverpool City Council yesterday, to jeers from about forty demonstrators in the public gallery.

An egg thrown at Mr Hatton, expelled from the Labour Party for activities with Militant Tendency, splattered behind him. The protesters, from the union Nalgo, want the council to rejoin a pay negotiating body.

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Walkout throws Irish coalition into crisis

By Richard Ford

The tottering coalition government in the Irish Republic was plunged into a minority position yesteday when a backbencher resigned from the Fine Gael parliamentary party.

Mrs Alice Glenn, a conservative Deputy representing Dublin Central, quit the party before moves by Dr Garret FitzGerald to remove the whip from her. She has been at the centre of controversy since describing everyone in favour of divorce as "enemies of the people".

The government's final collapse is likely over the tough measures needed in next year's budget to solve the appalling economic problems facing the country. It is unlikely that the Fine Gael-Labour government will be able to agree on austerity measures.

The government now has 81 votes to 83 for its opponents.

Taking care in the 1640s

By Craig Seton

The discovery of five condoms believed to be about 340 years old in a castle keep has led archaeologists to the conclusion that not only were soldiers in the English Civil War cautious lovers, but that "french letters" really did originate in France.

The condoms, made of fish and animal intestines, were retrieved from a 15ft shaft of a garderobe, or lavatory in the keep at Dudley Castle in the West Midlands.

They have been dated back to the 1640s when the Civil War was raging and are, apparently, the earliest known use of sheaths on this side of the Channel.

Miss Stephanie Ratkai, the find supervisor on an archaeological dig at the castle, said yesterday: "It really is a revolutionary discovery.

"At first we thought they were parchment, but we sent them to be examined at the Leather Conservation Centre in Northampton and they told us what they were.

"I have not come across anything to suggest they were known in this country before the 1680s."

She believes that the condoms would have been used by officers who held Dudley Castle for the Royalists during the Civil War, not as contraceptives, but to prevent veneral diseases, which were common at the time.

Miss Ratkai suspects that because sheaths were not known in England at that time, they were brought back to England by officers returning from France.

She said: "We are searching through documents to see if we can establish the French connection."

Miss Ratkai hopes that the condoms will be put on display in the castle museum.

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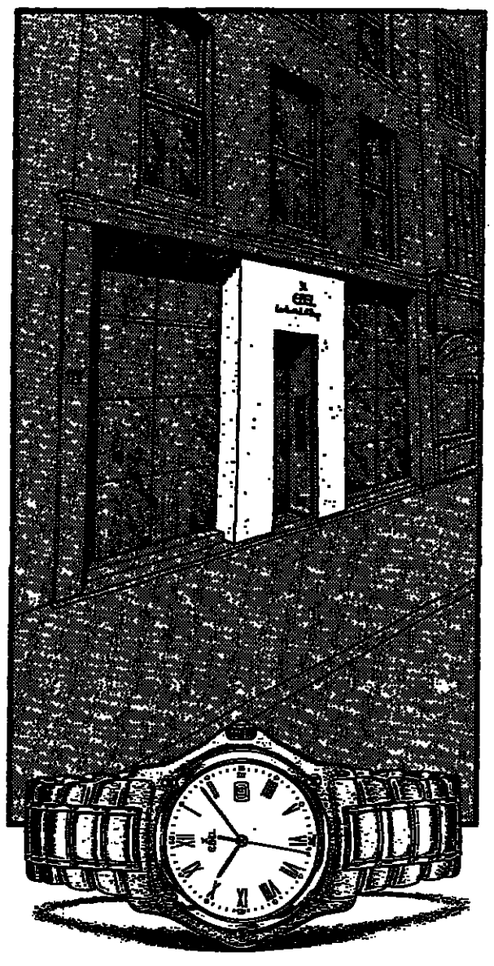

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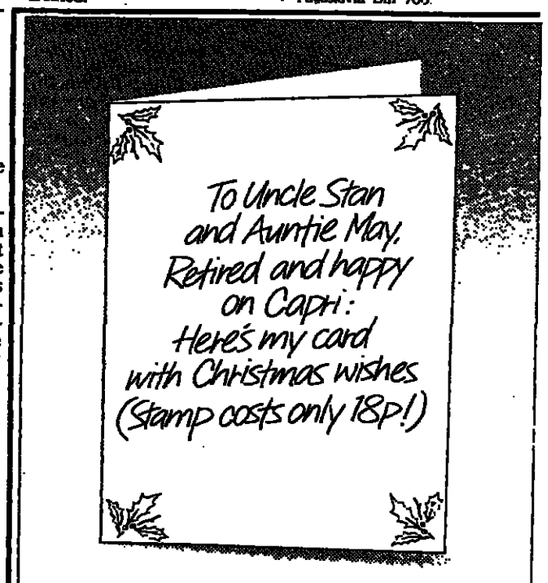

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Girl named doctor as man who raped her, aunt tells jury

By Michael Horsnell

A jury heard yesterday of the moment a girl, aged eight, stamped her feet and blurted out the name of the man who she said had raped her.

The distressed girl finally named her attacker to her mother's sister, who had taken her out and bought her some chocolate buttons so that she could question her.

The aunt, aged 32, had been called as a defence witness in the private prosecution against a doctor who has been accused of raping the girl, then aged eight, while she was staying at his house last year.

The aunt, a nurse, told the jury on the third day of the trial at Chelmsford Crown Court, that she had been called in by the girl's mother to question the child about the attack.

On September 24, 1985, the aunt took the girl to a park and sat her on a bench. She girl said that the assault took place at the doctor's house where she was staying for five days while her divorced mother looked after her epileptic son in hospital.

The aunt told the jury the child then got very upset and that she had to comfort her.

But on that occasion the girl said it was the doctor's son, aged four, who had raped her. When told the boy would have to be smacked for that she changed her mind and said that she had injured herself.

Later on she said it was a man, but withdrew from blaming the doctor.

Finally, when they got back to the girl's house and the aunt questioned her for the third time, she named the doctor.

The aunt told the court: "She stamped her feet in absolute anger said: 'I told you, auntie. Why don't you believe me? I have told you it was the doctor who did it.'

"I remember that so clearly. She was so adamant it was him. You can't forget things like that. I can see her stamping her feet just like a little girl does. It was obviously so much in her heart that she had to keep telling somebody. She was sobbing her heart out."

The aunt told the court: "Children are basically innocent and very truthful."

The girl's aunt was at the doctor's house when police arrested him. She said the doctor's wife immediately telephoned the girl's mother and said: "If ever I see her, I will kill her."

Earlier, the doctor's wife told the court that she was unaware of her husband leaving the marital bed during the night when he is alleged to have slipped into the girl's room and raped her.

She told the jury that when her husband was arrested neither she nor he knew what offence he was alleged to have committed.

The doctor said yesterday that, if the girl had been sexually assaulted at his house, then he was the only possible culprit — but nothing at all had happened to her.

He was handed colour photographs which he agreed he had taken of the girl and his son, aged four, in the bath, in which she was shown naked in fully frontal positions, but denied there was any sexual motive for taking them.

The doctor, aged 50, an anaesthetist from Essex, said: "If the girl was assaulted, at night, in my house it would have had to be me, I would have imagined, but I certainly did not assault her.

He told Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the defence, that the only time he went into the room which the girl was sharing with his son was to read the two children a bedtime story.

The case continues today.

Surrogate mothers could face legal ban

By Jill Sherman

Mothers could be prosecuted if they bear children for other women under legislative proposals issued by the Government yesterday.

The proposal came in a consultative document on fertility services and embryo research, putting forward a wide range of options for both fertility services and embryo research.

The document sets out recommendations of the Warnock Report on Human Fertilization and Embryology which included the setting up of a statutory licensing authority for infertility treatment, the outlawing of non-commercial surrogacy arrangements and proposals to allow research on embryos up to 14 days old.

The Government has stuck to its neutral stance on the Warnock proposals and said it will put forward alternative sets of draft clauses to deal with embryo research which will reflect both the Warnock recommendations and those proposed in Mr Enoch Powell's Unborn Children Protection Bill, which called for all research to be prohibited except that intended to benefit the individual embryo.

Last year amid public concern over commercial surrogacy resulting from the Baby Cotton case, the Government introduced legislation making it a criminal offence to set up a commercial surrogacy agency or to advertise surrogacy services.

The Warnock report orginally recommended that non-commerical surrogacy should be outlawed. The Government has now asked for comments on the principle of developing a non-commercial service, and on whether it should be a criminal offence to enter into a surrogacy arrangement on a non-profit basis.

Portfolio Gold

Family to share good fortune

Two readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Mary Zdaniecki, aged 60, a housewife from Belmont in Surrey, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

"I am quite pleased to have won. I like a gamble and I like a win," she said.

When asked how she intended spending the prize money, Mrs Zdaniecki said: "I'll think about it."

Mrs Marian Turner, aged 48, from Pulborough in West Sussex, said she could not believe her luck. "I added the numbers up over and over again," the former mathematics teacher said.

Mrs Turner said she would spend the winnings on Christmas presents for the family.

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Mrs Mary Zdaniecki, who likes a gamble

Composer will be on stage for boy's debut

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

In the unlikely event that James Rainbird forgets his lines in his first big operatic performance tonight, he will enjoy the unusual advantage of having the distinguished composer of the work, Gian Carlo Menotti, on stage with him. He and the composer were hard at work rehearsing yesterday, after a late unexpected announcement that Signor Menotti will be on stage, in the guise of an old musician, to calm first-night nerves.

The boy, aged 11, a pupil at Kings House School, Richmond, Surrey, plays the lead role in the children's opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, at Sadler's Wells Theatre, supported by principal singers of the Royal Opera.

The Italian-born American maestro is confident that his young star will rise to the challenge, although perhaps not with the same authority displayed by the lead singer of his new opera *Goya* which opened in Washington last month - Placido Domingo.

***Amahl* is being presented along with the British premiere of another children's opera, *The Boy Who Grew Too Fast*, and the double bill is to be broadcast by BBC Radio 3 on Christmas Eve (Photograph: Harry Kerr).**

Doctor's murder trial

Wife's 'silent accusation'

A doctor demonstrated yesterday how she silently accused her husband, a general practitioner, of trying to murder her.

Dr Madhu Baksh, aged 43, said she was lying in a hospital bed unable to speak because her throat had been cut when her husband, Dr John Baksh, appeared at her bedside.

"He had a bouquet of flowers and was leaning down giving me a look of love," the doctor told the Central Criminal Court.

"He asked me if I could remember there were masked men around my car. I was unable to speak but I shook my head as if to say no. I lifted my finger to show there was one man and I pointed at him. He started to plead."

Dr John Baksh, aged 53, of Gloucester House, Bickley Road, Bromley, south-east London, denies murdering his first wife, Ruby, also a doctor, on New Year's Day, 1983, and attempting to murder his second wife in January this year.

Mr Allan Green, for the prosecution, has alleged that Dr Baksh injected drugs into his first wife while they were on holiday in Spain and got an elderly local doctor to certify she died from a heart attack.

He wanted to be free to marry Madhu, but faced with heavy debts he allegedly drugged her, slit her throat and dumped her in woods in Kent. Her life was saved when she was discovered by a passer-by. Dr Baksh claimed his wife was abducted by masked men but later allegedly confessed to police.

Mrs Baksh said her husband pleaded with her that she must not say it was he who attacked her.

"He said 'Save me, save my life, otherwise I will go to jail'."

She confirmed that Dr Baksh wrote to her in prison.

"Save me please, I have had enough of punishment," he allegedly pleaded. "I have had such a lesson I will not even park on a yellow line again"."

The court has been told that Dr Baksh fell in love with Madhu when she joined the practices he shared with his first wife in Eltham and Chislehurst, south-east London. Within two weeks of his first wife's death they were lovers. Later they were married.

Mr Robin Simpson, QC, for the defence, challenged Mrs Baksh that if she was telling the truth that Dr Baksh had told her he had murdered his first wife, by then she knew that she was marrying a murderer.

"I did not think of him as a murderer after a time. I think he was a human being who had made a big mistake, for which he was ashamed," she replied.

"He said God had forgiven him."

Mr Paul Polanski, brother of the film director, Roman Polanski, said that he had been at a New Year's Eve party at a bar in Turre, Spain, which Dr Baksh and Ruby attended at the end of 1982. The next morning he was told Ruby was dead.

He called the police who asked him to interpret between a Spanish doctor and Dr Baksh.

"The Spanish doctor asked how his wife was the night before — if she had had any illness. He said his wife had said something about not feeling too well, had taken something and had gone to bed. Dr Baksh said he woke the next morning and found her dead."

The trial continues today.

Engineer's £320,000 swindle

The former chief engineer at the North Tees Power Station, was yesterday jailed for five years on 28 charges of corruption, conspiracy and theft.

Teesside Crown Court was told that Kenneth Atkinson, aged 54, pocketed up to £320,000 by taking bribes and swindling the Central Electricity Generating Board. The court made Atkinson, of the Highlands, Brompton, North Yorkshire, criminally bankrupt for £132,000.

Judge Stroyan, QC, said that the CEGB should have kept much tighter control over the £6 million modernization scheme at the power station.

Atkinson's wife, Frances, aged 39, who conspired with him as stores supervisor, was given a 12-month sentence, suspended for two years.

Geoffrey Varley, aged 61, of Leven Road, Yarm-on-Tees, was jailed for three years. As the power station manager, between 1977 and 1981, he took gifts of home extensions and equipment for his yacht.

Ten contractors who gave cash bribes or provided labour and equipment for Atkinson, which the CEGB paid for, were either fined or given jail sentences from 18 months to three months, some of which were suspended.

Ex-vicar's jail death 'natural'

A coroner told jurors yesterday it was not their duty to judge a clergyman who was accused of 28 indecency offences against children when he died.

The Rev Jan Knos, aged 53, who resigned as vicar of St Michael's and All Angels Church in Hull, died while on remand at Hull Prison on October 26.

Mr Trevor Green, the Humberside coroner, told the resumed Hull inquest that the law presumed a man was innocent until proven guilty.

Dr Somasandam Siva, a Home Office pathologist, said Mr Knos was grossly overweight and had two serious heart defects, both of which could have caused sudden death at any time. He said Mr Knos died of a heart attack.

Dennis Johnson, a remand prisoner, shared a cell with Mr Knos and called for an officer when he became ill. He said Mr Knos died before the officer returned 20 minutes later. Mr Alan Heely, a prison officer, admitted the doctor took 30 minutes to arrive.

The coroner said if there had been any lack of care by the prison it did not have any bearing on Mr Knos's death.

The jury returned a verdict of natural causes.

Doctor 'supplied addict'

A Harley Street doctor continued to supply drugs to a jobless heroin addict in spite of pleas from the man's wife to stop, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Dr Ann Dally, a psychiatrist with a practice in Devonshire Place, Westminster, allegedly prescribed methadone, a heroin substitute, although she knew the patient could not afford private treatment.

The addict, described as Mr A, told the General Medical Council hearing that he paid £60 a week for methadone, while he received only £36 a week in social security.

He did not tell the doctor he had lost his job, but when he could no longer pay for his habit he began selling the drugs supplied by Dr Dally. Last year his wife told the doctor he was unemployed.

Dr Dally, aged 60, is accused of serious professional misconduct. She denies abusing her position by prescribing drugs for cash and in one case without conducting proper examinations or monitoring a patient's progress.

She also denies discharging a patient from her care without arranging on-going treatment.

The hearing continues.

Video take-off for airlines

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A breakthrough in micro electronics will soon enable airline passengers to watch television programmes or films on a screen set into the seat in front of them.

Aircraft manufacturers are close to developing an entertainment system which will do away with the big screen showing just one film throughout the aircraft.

Instead every seat will be fitted with a 5in by 4in flat screen, and sound will be supplied by cordless headphones picking up the sound-track through induction coils in the floor. The technology was pioneered for use in cockpit displays in military aircraft and was then refined for use in the next generation of airliners.

Boeing is confident that the new equipment will be ready for installing in their new 150-seat aircraft, the 7J7, due for delivery in 1992. The aircraft will be powered by a new "inside out" unducted fan engine and packed with the latest technology.

But it is the in-flight entertainment system now under development which is expected to attract the interest of the world's airlines.

Until now the problem of putting a video screen into the back of a seat has been that those available on the open market were too small to enable passengers to see from a relaxed position and too bulky to fit easily into the seat.

By modifying new display panels on the pilot's instrument panel, Boeing now believe they have achieved a big breakthrough.

Under plans now being finalized it is hoped that each passenger will be able to select up to six different channels on the individual video, which could show programmes beamed direct to the aircraft by satellite.

● The European Commission has dropped its threat to take legal action against British Caledonian for breaking the Treaty of Rome competition rules. The commission says it accepts that the airline shares the view that there should be greater competition.

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Tory misgivings on benefit limit for home owners

Several Conservative MPs expressed strong misgivings about a government proposal to limit the amount of supplementary benefit paid for mortgage interest during the first four months of unemployment, despite two concessions over the original proposal announced 18 months ago.

Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, announced that the reduced benefit would apply only for the first four months of unemployment instead of the first six months, as originally proposed, and steps would be taken to avoid a mortgage interest trap.

The first of the Conservative critics, **Mr Richard Alexander**, suggested that the Government was a little mean: Mr Robert

Changes mainly affect short-term claimants

McCrindle questioned whether it sat happily with the Conservative move towards a property-owning democracy and **Mr Keith Raffan** said that they should accept such payments as the result of encouraging more home ownership.

Finally, **Mr Gwilym Jones** saw it as a sword of Damocles over the family homes of unemployed people, and **Mr Peter Bruinvels** said that it was a blow to those who lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

The Government had decided to proceed with the principle of limiting supplementary benefit assistance for mortgage interest but to make significant modifications to consultative proposals, Mr Major said in his statement.

His modifications would help some people to qualify for supplementary benefit payments after 16 weeks who might otherwise not have been able to qualify at all.

The reduction in expenditure would be about £23 million compared with £30 million under the original proposal.

The draft regulations also included changes to tighten up the payment of benefit in cases where a home was also used for business purposes, where the mortgage included a business loan or where a home was unreasonably expensive.

The Social Security Advisory Committee had supported all these proposals and the Government intended to bring them into operation on January 26, 1987.

The changes would mainly affect short-term claimants and the main change would only affect new cases. The draft regulations reflected several important safeguards and improvements. No one over 60 would be affected.

"The SSAC have acknowledged in their report that the changes should not bring significant financial hardship to the majority of claimants affected. They were commenting in the context of the six-month restriction and not the 16 weeks now proposed.

"The Government has struck a fair and reasonable balance between the borrower, the lender and the tax payer."

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on Health and Social Security, said that the punitive and shameful proposal, despite its minor and entirely unpersuasive limitation to four months, would still push 90,000 families deep into debt, leading to eviction and, no doubt, marital breakdown.

The Government's message to the unemployed this Christmas would be that they would be kicked when they were down, losing not only their jobs but also their homes.

Was it not symbolic of the double standards of this Government that they were offering £35 a week to the Prime Minister to buy a half-a-million-pound home in Dulwich while at the same time threatening the unemployed, the sick and disabled on the poverty line with the loss of their homes?

Was it not one law for the rich and another for the poor with a vengeance? Last year the Government gave £370 million in mortgage interest tax relief to owner-occupiers on incomes over £30,000 a year. Yet now, the Government was insisting on going even to the length of causing homelessness in order to claw back just £23 million from those on the poverty line.

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A family on the dole of husband, wife and two children and a £15,000 mortgage would have to find out of supplementary benefit of £70 a week an extra £17, nearly a quarter of their weekly income.

A couple with a baby and a £30,000 mortgage, like many of those in the South-east, would have to find an extra £32 a week which was equal to 57 per cent of their income on supplementary benefit.

"This is bound to lead to a huge increase in mortgage arrears and repossession of homes by building societies." That had already increased by 700 per cent since 1979 and was likely under this proposal to reach 50,000 a year.

There was nobody in the housing field who supported the proposal, neither the building societies, the finance houses, the local authorities, the National Consumer Council, the Independent Institute of Housing or even Conservative MPs who had the wit to see that it would cut across the right to buy.

The proposal would lead to thousands of families in the new year without jobs, without homes and without hope. It should be immediately withdrawn.

Mr Major said that the Government's estimate of the number of families concerned would be 75,000. On eviction and repossession, the Building Societies Association had assured the Government that they proposed to act responsibly and sympathetically.

On the losses concerned, the people who were unable to meet the second half of mortgage interest payments would have it aggregated to the capital debt. That would be wholly subject to mortgage relief at the end of the four-month period.

Their consultations had been before reference to the SSAC. They had consulted widely before reference.

The Building Societies Association had assured the Government that they would act reasonably and sympathetically. They and other major lenders had not foreclosed during the 12-month miners' strike when mortgage interest was not being paid.

Mr Richard Alexander (Newark, C): Are the Government not being a little bit mean over

This proposal is punitive and shameful

this? At a time when we are spending untold millions whenever the EEC asks for it and £2 billion on an airborne early warning system, which the RAF does not really want, need we do this to those whose cup of misfortune is already overflowing.

Mr Major: It is not unreasonable to expect people acquiring a capital asset to meet a proportion of interest charges after a limited period.

Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, SDP): In so far as he has shown some comprehension of the anxiety of the committee, the partial climbdown is welcome, but the statement is in stark contrast to the trumpeting of the Government wanting to create a property-owning democracy. Under the Tories they can have the right to buy, but not the right to keep.

Mr Major said that the trend to more home ownership continued.

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C): There are those outside who recognize the need to balance the needs of the individual, of social security and of the taxpayer.

Mr Major: She speaks for many beyond this House in that. We are seeking to strike a fair balance between borrower, lender and taxpayer.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab): Will he give an undertaking that no family will be made homeless as a result of this?

Mr Major: No minister in any government at any time would be so unwise as to give an assurance of that nature.

Mr Nicholas Raynsford (Fulham, Lab): This will make life worse for those in arrears. If he had wanted to make savings he might have restricted mortgage tax relief to those receiving it above standard rate. A saving of £320 million could be achieved by that without penalizing anyone on less than £20,000 a year; without penalizing the poorest and increasing homelessness.

Mr Major: That illustrates the innate hostility of the Labour Party to mortgage interest relief. This is a limited measure for limited time, with limited impact.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C): While we welcome the substantial modifications he has announced, a number of us remain concerned that the effect of the measures will fall entirely on those buying properties and leave those renting entirely unaffected. Many properties concerned will be former council property. The Government successfully urged people to purchase them. Is he certain that the announcement sits happily with our movement towards a property-owning democracy?

Mr Major: I understand his reservation, but those buying are aggregating a capital gain and there is a clear distinction between purchase and renting.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl Cymru) said that in constituencies such as his, with 20 per

Life will be made worse for debtors

cent unemployment, people could not afford to repay the mortgage and could not sell to buy off the mortgage.

Mr Major: We have materially modified the original proposals and done everything we can to ensure that there are no repossessions or evictions.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab): Families unemployed will be hard hit and penalized by this Tory new year present for the jobless. Was the Secretary of State (Mr Norman Fowler) too ashamed to come and make this announcement.

Mr Major: His charm is legendary in this House and he has about as much as does a puff adder. The remainder of his question is unworthy of an answer.

Mr Keith Raffan (Delyn, C): This will increase anxiety among those out of work when they are most vulnerable, on first being unemployed. The Government has rightly and successfully encouraged home ownership and must accept one result in an increase of expenditure.

Mr Major: We have made substantial changes because of representations.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) welcomed the reduction of the period and asked for an assurance that the Government would continue to review the proposal to see whether it was in line with their proposals to increase home ownership.

Mr Major: We shall keep this proposal, as all others, under constant review.

Mr Gwilym Jones (Cardiff North, C): This puts a sword of Damocles over the family home. The real cost to the nation will be greater than any saving.

Mr Major: I cannot agree.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C): Having encouraged about a million people to buy their own homes, will he reconsider this blow to people losing their jobs through no fault of their own.

Mr Major: Mr Bruinvels is a constant surprise to the House. My decision is a result of reconsideration.

Mr Geoffrey Pattie (above left): Aware of objectors' feelings. Mr John Major (bottom left): Changes will help some claimants. Mr Michael Meacher: Families will be deep in debt.

Steel at top of the list for privatization

Steel should be put at the top of the list of industries to be denationalized during the next Parliament, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Commons questions.

"I certainly hope we shall make substantial progress in denationalizing during the next Parliament", he told Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C), who had asked if there were any industries which he hoped would not be privatized by the end of that Parliament.

Mr Channon said earlier that in the year before this Government came to office, 52 per cent of his department's total spending was used to support its nationalized industries. In 1986-87 the percentage was more like a tenth.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L): Leaving aside whether the consumer benefits from the move, particularly in the case of British Telecom, in the conversion from a public to a private monopoly, will Mr Channon explain why he has he taken the money he has saved and squan-

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dered it on this year's accounts instead of reinvesting it in Britain long term? This is wasting national assets.

Mr Channon: Am I accused of squandering? They usually accuse me because they feel my department's budget is not great enough. I do not know what they want. In the past seven years trade and industry's budget has been reduced as we have been able to cut down on wasteful expenditure in nationalized industries. The money has been better used in the economy.

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) said that about £900 million must be available for the social services, for instance. This money would otherwise be squandered on inefficient industries under Labour's prescriptions.

Mr Channon agreed. The success of privatization had turned most of the nationalized industries round to be better run and more efficient. Many were making profits.

Later **Mr Michael Brown** (Brigg and Cleethorpes, C) asked: Do I understand from the minister's answer a few moments ago that proposals will be brought before the House after the next general election, if the Conservative Party retains the confidence of the people of this country, for the privatization of this state industry?

Mr Channon: Yes, I can give that assurance.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): Management and staff of the steel corporation deserve our congratulations on their success in recent times. Will it not impede further progress to have a great debate going on about ownership of the corporation? The most important thing now is to wind down the whole Common Market structure of quotas and subsidies so that the corporation can compete for markets.

Mr Channon: In general I agree. In particular I agree with what he said in the first part of his question.

Pattie promise of early Bill

A Bill to amend the law on copyright will be introduced as soon as the parliamentary timetable permits, Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, said during question time in the House of Commons. But he resisted demands to act quickly and some MPs made clear that a tightening of the law might be disadvantageous to consumers.

He said that he had received representations from MPs, individual companies, industry-representative bodies and private individuals, urging the Government to introduce legislation on copyright during the present parliamentary session or inquiring when legislation could be expected.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft (Leeds West, L) said that the existing law was inadequate to deal with high technology. There was a need to protect intellectual property, but at present huge corporations could sue, for alleged breach of copyright, smaller companies which were out of business before the court case was heard.

Mr Pattie said that one of the White Paper proposals concerned the speeding of the process of patent law and the introduction of new procedures which would make it easier, and therefore less costly, for smaller firms to have access to patent procedure.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C) said that the proposal with respect to intellectual property in broad-based engineering design would endanger far more jobs in the component industries than it would ever safeguard in the initial manufacturing ones, and consumer interests were wholly opposed to any such legislation and therefore it must be against British interests.

Mr Pattie said he was aware of the strength of feeling in representations.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that he understood the reason for the delay, but many firms would be inhibited by it. Could there be any indication of the length of the delay before any changes took place?

Mr Pattie said that the Government was still discussing with industry what the relevant procedures would be.

Mr Robert Key (Salisbury, C) said that the Government should make sure that it was hitting the right target because otherwise small companies might be brought down and the result could be greater import penentration.

Mr Pattie said that this was precisely the sort of point the Government wanted to take into account.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

The Conservatives must change their tactics towards the Alliance if they are to win a third election victory, according to Mr Leon Brittan. It is a question that is likely to provoke a good deal of Conservative thought over the coming months because the party stands to suffer particularly from any revival in Social Democratic and Liberal fortunes.

There has been a tendency to dismiss the Alliance as a negligible force after the defence fiasco at the Liberal conference. But, damaging though that was, I suspect that the Alliance still has considerable potential to wreck Conservative hopes. Already some revival may be under way.

The Harris survey conducted for *TV-AM* this week put its strength at 22 per cent. That is still four points behind the 26 per cent of votes that it won at the last general election, and well behind the figures of 30 per cent and more that it was securing in the polls at the beginning of this year.

But it is an improvement on the 17 per cent that was recorded in one poll after the Eastbourne conference, and the Alliance generally tends to do better in elections than such surveys suggest.

Tactical voting still a factor

That is partly because the two Davids are such capable television performers that they benefit particularly from the extra exposure during a campaign, partly because a good many people decide to vote Alliance at the last minute because they do not like the other two parties and sometimes because of tactical voting as well.

This last may be more of a factor than at previous general elections because more people have been conditioned by by-elections to consider voting tactically.

Few people think of the Alliance, however, as a potential government. That is both its weakness and its strength. It still has to counter the taunt of the wasted vote. That is why its leaders have tried so hard to raise public interest in a hung Parliament.

What is the point of scrutinizing its policies in detail, as Mr Brittan suggests? Nobody believes that it will have the opportunity of putting all these policies into practice. That is not why people vote for it now. They may be looking for a moderating influence. Or perhaps they want to protest, or they cannot think who else to vote for.

It puts forward a whole range of policies because that is what the other parties do. If it failed to do likewise it would be confessing before the battle had begun that it was not a serious challenger for power. That would damage its claim to be a substantial political force.

But policy commitments have a different reality for the Alliance than for either the Conservatives or Labour. For both the main parties they are promises of what they would actually do in office. For the Alliance they are either political gestures or bargaining positions in the event of a hung Parliament.

I do not use either term disparagingly. It is legitimate for all parties to make political gestures. They are an indication of a party's inclinations, of how it will seek to use any influence it may have in the future.

It is positively desirable that the Alliance should give at least some indication of what

Sticking points must be known

its sticking points would be if it did find itself holding the balance of power and negotiating with another party.

To examine all the details of Alliance policy in the same way as with the other parties would not only be playing it at its own game. It would also be misleading. That would not be the best way to determine the effect of voting Alliance.

In three-party politics that question has to be put in a double sense. What would be the consequence of a hung Parliament? And how might voting Alliance influence the overall result even if it did not hold the balance of power?

These questions are in fact more relevant than the latest Alliance thinking on pensions or the rates. The difficulty for the Conservatives is how to put them without seeming to indulge in scare tactics.

Spending on roads praised

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Commons questions that in general he favoured private as well as public-sector spending on the infrastructure.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) had asked if he would confirm that he was not of the opinion that private-sector investment in infrastructure projects should be matched by a corresponding decrease in public funding.

Would it not be better, instead of offering that view, to ensure that projects such as the Mersey barrage, where private enterprise had put up about £220 million, should be matched in partnership with public funding.

Mr Channon: In general I am in favour of private-sector as well as public-sector spending.

The House will be aware of the enormous amount of expenditure that has taken place on the infrastructure.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, second reading.

Lords (3): Family Law Reform Bill, committee.

Scottish rating system

Rifkind defends changes

The following is a summary of a Commons debate that appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.

The unpopularity of the domestic rates system in Scotland came about because of its unfairness, its unaccountability and the arbitrary way it applied, **Mr Malcolm Rifkind**, Secretary of State for Scotland, said when moving the second reading of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill.

In Scotland an estimated three quarters of a million adults, about 20 per cent of the adult population, because they were neither the owners nor tenants of residential property, were not liable for a system of local taxation.

The Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Nicholas Ridley) and the Government as a whole were enthusiastic about a reformed system for England and Wales.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C): It is precisely because it is a proposal being trailed as a pilot for England and Wales that a number of us are most unhappy and cannot find ourselves able to support it.

Mr Rifkind said that Mr Squire was misinformed. Mr Ridley had made clear that similar legislation would be proposed for England and Wales. That would not be dependent on the implementation of the Scottish proposals. By the time it came into effect, the legislation for England and Wales would have been put to the House.

A rebate system would apply, ensuring that those on the lowest incomes would not pay the full community charge. The argument used by the Opposition that the Government proposals would mean everyone paying the same, was not only profoundly wrong, but entirely misleading.

It would provide an important safeguard for non-domestic ratepayers. No longer would they be subject to sudden, sharp increases in rate bills, something that had been damaging to business of all sizes in Scotland. The Bill had been widely welcomed by industry and commerce.

It created a new system of community charges and the associated arrangements for registration and collection.

The focal point was the personal community charge, the means by which the new system would provide the essential element of accountability because the charge was to be payable by everyone aged 18 or over.

"It is the Government's intention that students should be liable for the community charge and that they should be registered throughout their course of study at their term time address."

Students eligible for grant would receive a flat-rate increase to help them.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that what was being offered was a poll tax: an amount so much a skull across the board. It was brutally clear that the areas that would lose were the deprived housing schemes on the limits of cities, battered inner city areas and areas already disadvantaged.

"The Bill is a charter for prosperous suburbia and the only end product will be a thin and ragged cheer from the beleaguered remnants of the Scottish Tory Party."

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, SNP) said that the Government's remedy looked like being worse than the disease.

Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries, C) said a local income tax would make only about 60 per cent of residents liable to payment.

The Bill was read a second time by 258 votes to 204 — Government majority, 54.

Winners and losers in MPs' ballot

'Clean needles' Bill to fight Aids is introduced

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

A private member's Bill which seeks to combat Aids by enabling drug addicts to receive needles and syringes legally was introduced in the Commons yesterday.

Mr Gavin Strang, Labour MP for Edinburgh East, also seeks to enable couples expecting or intending to have children to be screened for Aids, to make it illegal for employers to dismiss employees with the virus, and to oblige health authorities to provide educational material on how to prevent the disease spreading.

Mr Strang believes he has broad cross-party support for these measures, some of which have already been foreshadowed in government statements. As number seven of twenty private members' Bills formally introduced yesterday, it stands a reasonable chance of success.

Six consecutive Fridays have been allocated from January 16 for the second readings of these Bills. Only the first or perhaps the second Bill debated on the allocated Fridays has any chance of becoming law unless it has the support of the Government.

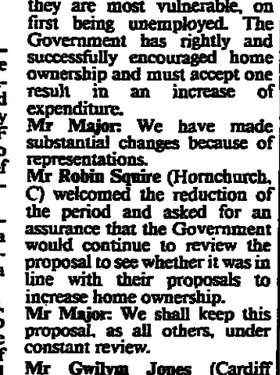
Of the top six, three will almost certainly become law. Mr Peter Bruinvels, Conservative MP for Leicester East, has all-party support for his Bill to make it an offence to sell crossbows to those under 17.

Mr Winston Churchill (Davyhulme, C) is introducing a Government-backed Bill enabling Servicemen to sue the Crown in personal injury cases.

And **Mr Gerry Neale**, Conservative MP for the agricultural constituency of North Cornwall, expects the Government to give "fair wind" to a Bill enabling the Agricultural Training Board to diversify into training farmers and farmworkers in non-agricultural skills against the day when land has to be taken out of production to cut EEC surpluses.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) is first in the ballot, but all he will get is publicity for his attempt to give pensioners free television licences.

A Bill being introduced by **Mr Archy Kirkwood** (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, Lib), designed to give individuals access to personal files on themselves kept by various authorities, is unlikely to reach the statute book, but easily the most controversial of the top six is the Bill being introduced by Sir Edward Gardner, QC (Fylde, C).



Mr Gavin Strang, who is seeking Anti-Aids measures.

Sir Edward wants the European Convention on Human Rights to be incorporated into British law. The Lord Chancellor and the Attorney General support the move. Mrs Thatcher is said to be unconvinced. Other Cabinet ministers oppose it, principally because it would mean British judges threatening the supremacy of Parliament.

Below the first six a few appear to be sufficiently sensible and uncontroversial that they stand a fair chance of reaching the statute book unopposed.

Mr Michael Martin (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab) is proposing a Bill enabling the Scottish land register to be recorded on computer, microfiche, or something other than paper as the present law stipulates, and **Mr Robert Adley** (Christchurch, C) wants excessively noisy motor cycle exhaust systems banned. Mr Robert Jones (West Hertfordshire, C) is seeking to extend tree preservation orders to hedgerows.

Two other Bills have broad Government support, but may still fail.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has indicated his desire to relax the licensing laws, and **Mr Allan Stewart** (Eastwood, C) is introducing a Bill giving licensees the discretion to open for up to 12 hours a day from 10.30am subject to the agreement of local magistrates. However, individual Labour and Conservative MPs may combine to block it.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C) has adopted another cause favoured by Mr Hurd, which is to tighten the obscenity law and bring television within the scope of the Obscene Publications Act. Mr Howarth was eleventh in the ballot. His Bill is too contentious to go through on the nod, so its best chance is for the Government to allow it to be debated in Government time.

Mr Alistair Burt (Bury North, C) has chosen to reopen the emotive issue of embryo research which causes deep cross-party divisions. Mr Enoch Powell last year introduced a similiar Bill to ban embryo research which fell through its opponents' blocking tactics, but not before it had received a large majority on second reading.

Mr Burt's Bill, at number 14, stands no chance of success, but he believes it will keep the issue in the limelight and force the Government to enlarge on the legislation it has promised to introduce in the next Parliament on the Warnock report.

Of the remaining Bills, **Mr Donald Anderson** (Swansea East, Labour) is seeking to modify laws relating to houses in multiple occupation, **Mr Tony Lloyd** (Stretford, Lab) wants to improve nutritional requirements for school meals, and **Mr Terry Lewis** (Worsley, Lab), wishes to improve public access to meetings and the records of Community Health Councils.

Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) is seeking to give the Police Complaints Authority the power to publish reports in the public interest, while **Mr Willie Hamilton** (Central Fife, Lab), who is to stand as Labour candidate in the Devon seat of South Hams at the next election, wants to establish a South West of England Development Agency.

Finally, **Mr Mark Carlisle** (Warrington South, C) will try to give courts the power to suspend youth custody sentences, and **Mr Allan Roberts** (Bootle, Lab) wants to open school governors' meetings to the press and public.

Wapping police cost £4m

The cost of policing the News International plant at Wapping, east London, was estimated to total £4.73 million by the end of October, it was disclosed yesterday.

Lord Caithness, a Home Office minister, also said that 712 police officers were on duty last weekend outside the plant. The dispute started nearly a year ago after 5,500 printing workers went on strike, and were later dismissed.

His announcement sparked off a dispute in the House of Lords over who should pay the police costs.

Lord Mellish, an east London Labour MP for 36 years, said that the dispute left local police stations with as few as six officers at weekends to cope with "proper crime".

"Why should this come out of the police rate? Why should not the people responsible for the dispute pay for it? Why should not people like Murdoch and company, who created the trouble, pay for it?"

Lord Massereene and Ferrard said the unions were to blame for starting the dispute, not Mr Murdoch.

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The Reith Lectures

Judge urges amnesty in minor cases to ease criminal court backlog

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

An amnesty for prisoners awaiting trial for *minor* offences was proposed by a High Court judge yesterday as a way of easing the backlog of cases in the criminal courts.

Lord McCluskey, giving his sixth and last Reith Lecture on BBC Radio 4, also recommended slaughtering "a few sacred cows" to cut civil delays, such as ending the traditional "formalized ritual"of confrontation between the two sides in civil proceedings.

Instead the courts should provide more of a "social service", with the judge taking an active role in informally helping citizens resolve their disputes and sort out the issues really needing the "Rolls-Royce treatment of a *full blown trial*".

"No one can be satisfied with the administration of justice as it is in 1986," he said. "The delays, costs and complexities are notorious."

The judge, who was Solicitor General for Scotland in the last Labour government, said the idea of not prosecuting in some cases may be startling, but he said it would only formalize existing *practices*.

He explained that only a fraction of offenders were caught and convicted and a significant number of offenders were not brought to trial for a number of reasons, including admininstrative ones.

The problems of choosing which offences would qualify for amnesty were formidable but not insuperable, Lord McCluskey said.

A starting point was the distinction between crimes which were wicked in themselves and conduct which was punishable only because it breached a statutory regulation.

If, on such a basis, "we amnestied only the comparatively minor offences we could save much police and court time and could consider redistributing slightly more serious cases to the lower courts, whose docket had been relieved by the amnesty".

He said such action could relieve the backlog of "those cases in which society's interest in securing conviction is sufficiently slight to be traded off against promoting society's interest in accelerating trials in *more important cases*".

He also recommended the adoption of the Scottish criminal "110 day rule" under which cases must be brought to trial within that period or the accused goes free.

On the civil front Lord McCluskey called for a number of other measures to cut the backlog of trials. Failure to reduce delays and speed up trials arose from the reluctance to depart from the notion of disposing of cases through the "set-piece battle"in public.

In this, the contestants "battled for the judge's decision in a highly-formalized ritual in which the judge's role is essentially passive, a ritual in which he is the one-man jury".

There was no opportunity for the impartial judge to come early to the case and informally assist the parties to identify the issues; nor to apply firm pressures on them to clear the ground and move to a speedy resolution of masters that have to go to formal trial.

He said formality caused delay and expense.

Lochan Poonwassie, a Trinidadian Father Christmas, proving himself genuine yesterday when Michelle Foster, aged nine (left) and Charlotte Worth, aged eight, from St Clement Danes School, Drury Lane, pulled his beard at the Caribbean Christmas festival at the Commonwealth Institute in Kensington, west London. Hundreds of schoolchildren from all over London sang carols and folk songs from the Caribbean accompanied by a steel band (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Registration check on data users

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Data protection chiefs have started cracking down on data users who have not registered. Failure to register could lead to unlimited fines.

The first to be checked include health and local authorities.

Mr Eric Howe, Data Protection Registrar, said yesterday: "I shall be writing to organizations we are unable to trace on the register.

"The object is to sweep up as many as possible of the malingerers before November 11 next year when individuals will be able to exercise their right to see personal data about themselves held on computer."

A survey of more than 2,000 computer users was carried out in April by the Central Office of Information. That showed that, of the larger organizations employing more than 250 people, 94 per cent were aware of the Act and the need to register..

Victory for Britain on satellite TV future

By Jonathan Miller
Media Correspondent

Ministers responsible for broadcasting in 22 European countries yesterday adopted a new framework to regulate the development of television transmissions across international frontiers.

The decision appeared to deal a fatal blow to efforts by the 12-nation EEC to take for itself the power to regulate transfrontier broadcasting.

Ministers, meeting in Vienna, agreed that the Council of Europe, with its broad membership and commitment to human rights and European cultural values was the most appropriate forum for creating the rules to govern the age of satellite television.

The decision was an important victory for the Home Office, which has strongly opposed EEC efforts to regulate the development of transfrontier broadcasting.

The Council decision is intended to impose a light-handed regulatory touch on international programme exchanges. The regulations will require programmes to conform to standards of taste and decency.

But unlike the regulations proposed by the EEC, there would be no quota system requiring a minimum content of made-in-Europe programmes.

Debt service will start next month

By Michael Dynes

A nationwide scheme designed to help thousands of families struggling with mortgage and credit arrears is to be launched in the new year.

Specialist debt advisers at the Birmingham Settlement Money Advice Centre have been planing for months to introduce the new service, which was in jeopardy because of a shortage of cash.

The Department of the Environment put up £24,000 towards the cost of the scheme in September, contingent on Birmingham Settlement's ability to find another £14,000 from the private sector.

As a result of an appeal for support published as part of *The Times* Homefront campaign on October 1, the Registry Trust, a non profit-making company which in the public interest operates the Registry of County Court Judgements, decided to put up the money.

Mr Malcolm Hurlston, the trust's chairman, said: "We have been concerned about the growing number of credit casualties, and decided to offer our support after reading about the housing debtline project in *The Times*.

"Credit is like the motor car. It brings great benefits, but there can also be casualties. The purpose of the housing debtline, which we fully back, is to discover how best to help those casualties."

Mr Peter Houghton, director of the Birmingham centre said: "We are delighted that the Registry Trust has stepped in to fill the funding gap.

The housing debtline will offer advice to people throughout England and Wales who are facing eviction as a result of mortgage, rates or credit arrears. Its objective is to assist debtors meet their financial commitments by helping them to work out their own financial position, negotiate realistic repayment schedules with creditors and thereby avoid unnecessary evictions.

Although the housing debtline is only a pilot scheme, lasting for one year, private and public sector bodies will be monitoring its performance very closely to establish the extent of consumer demand for its services, and whether there is a need to establish a more permanent arrangement.

Fishermen angry over disused oil pipelines

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government's decision not to insist on the total removal of North Sea oil platforms and pipelines once they are no longer needed has been attacked by the fishing industry as an "outrage".

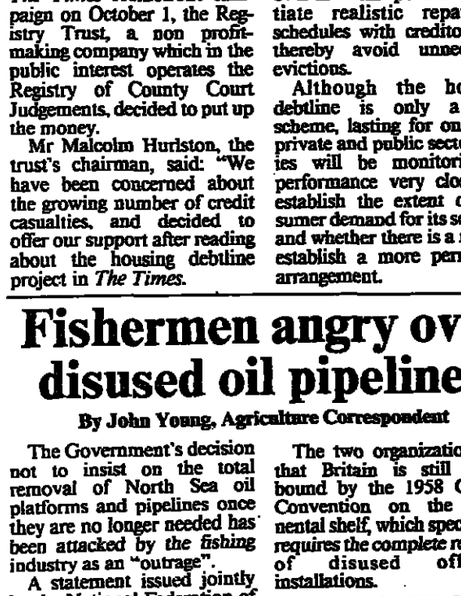
A statement issued jointly by the National Federation of Fishermen's Organizations and the Scottish Fishermen's Federation says that on moral and legal grounds the Government is in breach of its commitments to the industry.

It says that fishermen are being left with spoilt fishing grounds and safety *hazards* in the form of partially removed installations.

The two organizations say that Britain is still legally bound by the 1958 Geneva Convention on the continental shelf, which specifically requires the complete removal of disused offshore installations.

Although the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea envisages the possibility of partial removal, it is not yet in force, and the UK has not signed it.

Oil industry officials regard the fishermen's claims as exaggerated and say there has been no evidence of damage to fishing grounds.



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LABOUR DEFENCE POLICY

Nato's emphasis must switch to non-nuclear arms

The following is an edited version of the Labour Party defence policy statement by Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition.

Introduction

When the next Labour government comes to power, we know that we will inherit a formidable range of problems from the wasted years of Thatcherism. Four million unemployed, our industrial base decimated by the destructive fantasies of monetarism, young people without hope, the elderly without basic necessities. It will be a long haul putting the country back on its feet again.

In addition to all this, the next Labour government will also need to address quite fundamental problems in Britain's defence policies and capability.

The truth is that Mrs Thatcher – who relishes the title *Iron Lady* – is following policies which diminish Britain's defences and, since our national defence posture is and must be inextricably linked with NATO, the credibility of allied defence is reduced too.

In our own national defences, the present government is presiding over a serious decline in the strength of all our armed forces. Had the invasion of the Falklands by the Argentine junta come even six months later than it did, it is doubtful that we could have regained the islands.

And NATO's strategy is also being called into question. As long as the Soviet Union poses a potential military threat to Western Europe, we need a strong NATO. But its reliance on the threat to use American nuclear weapons in response to a conventional attack can no longer be sustained. We know, in the light of Chernobyl and research into "nuclear winter", how the use of nuclear weapons could destroy populations and military forces on *all* sides. What enemy will believe that the Americans will commit suicide to punish an invader of Western Europe in these circumstances?

NATO was formed 40 years ago when Britain had a Labour government. And it was a Labour foreign secretary, Ernest Bevin, whose energy and drive were instrumental in creating the system of collective security based on NATO which has contributed to keeping the peace in Europe for a generation.

Britain's own defences now have to be reconstructed. And NATO has to acquire a new strategy and a new vision that will ensure that it is effective in the world of the 1990s and beyond.

Thatcher legacy

Our defences weakened

It is a bitter paradox of Britain in the 1980s that the party which claims to be for strong defence will hand over to use a country whose defences will have been critically weakened.

The government has already announced that over the three years 1985/86 to 1988/9 defence spending will be cut by six per cent in real terms. Over the same period spending on new non-nuclear equipment will be cut by around 30 per cent. What does this mean in practice?

For the Royal Navy, it means fewer frigates and destroyers – a loss of three, possibly more over the next decade. Because the government cannot afford to replace enough of them, the average life of key ships in the fleet will be stretched from 18 to 22 years. Following a long delay, the government is considering the conversion of merchant container vessels rather than build specialist assault vessels to replace the ageing *Intrepid* and *Fearless*. Because of the run-down of assault vessels the Royal Navy now has no ship dedicated to carrying large numbers of Royal Marines and their helicopters. There have been big cuts in the number of support and auxiliary vessels. There is likely to be a reduction of conventionally-armed diesel-electric submarines from 13 to eight. With the rapid run down of the merchant fleet, there could be virtually no merchant ships left under the British flag by 1995 or even sooner.

For the Royal Air Force, the cutbacks mean that the development contract for the European Fighter Aircraft has still not been signed, and so the plans to purchase 250 of this aircraft have not been confirmed. An order for the new Staff Target 404 troop-carrying helicopter has been delayed and the decision on purchasing the second order of the Harrier GR5 has been postponed. To ease the budget crisis, Tornado sales to Saudi Arabia have been put before supply to the RAF.

For the Army, substantial cuts in equipment and training programmes have been revealed. According to a document prepared for the Army General Staff these cuts will "result in a smaller, less well-equipped and less well-trained army," hitting the BAOR forces particularly hard. The Army is set to lose a terminally guided anti-tank rocket, a scatterable mine rocket, a battlefield electronic warfare system as well as improvements to existing tanks and, possibly, a new tank.

The paradox of the Tories becoming the disarmers by stealth arises though, not because Mrs Thatcher does not want to defend Britain but because her ambitions for defence policy far exceed anything which Britain under its present economic management can afford. Mrs Thatcher has a nuclear fixation. Her delusions of grandeur directly threaten the defence policy for Britain that *is* possible, and is vitally needed.

- Quite rightly, we are committed to the air and sea defence of our own island.
- Rightly too, we are committing troops and airpower to the central front in Europe.
- Beyond that we are responsible for the naval protection of the Atlantic Sea lanes.
- We have retained a general responsibility for military action outside the NATO area, most notably in relation to the Falkland Islands.
- But we are also, as about the 20th richest economy in the world, (in terms of national income per head), trying to remain one of the five nuclear weapon nations of the world. By buying Trident we are about to increase the number of targets we could hit with nuclear weapons by up to 14 times, at a cost of at least ten thousand million pounds.

Defence experts, including ministers who have passed through Mrs Thatcher's cabinet, recognize that this is an impossibly broad defence commitment. Indeed it is obvious that, if there were to be another Tory government, there would have to be an immediate defence review and substantial cuts in our armed forces just to pay for Trident.

NATO under pressure

Mrs Thatcher is not only running down our own national defences. Britain is the major European contributor to NATO. But the Conservative government has also failed to address itself to the mounting strains within the Alliance.

The problems of NATO are not entirely of Mrs Thatcher's making: its roots are deepseated. But Mrs Thatcher's policy shows a perverse refusal to recognise them and respond effectively.

The widening Atlantic split

It is now widely acknowledged on both sides of the Atlantic that the perspectives of Western Europe and the United States have changed during the last 20 years. The United States is a global power with global interests. Its economic and political interests lie in the Pacific and Latin America as well as in Europe and the Atlantic. Western Europe, on the other hand, shed its far-flung interests with its empires. We are primarily concerned with the defence of Europe.

This divergence has produced conflicting judgements and policy disagreements, particularly in recent years. Many Europeans have sought to articulate a constructive response to this situation. Mrs Thatcher, evidently blind to it, has simply sided slavishly with the Americans even if this has meant isolation from the rest of Europe.

The threat to NATO credibility

Unchecked, this trend is fraught with danger. For as the Americans have become increasingly impatient with Europe, any potential aggressor cannot but wonder – wrongly in our view – whether the American guarantee to Europe still holds good.

The decision to rely on an American threat to use nuclear weapons to stop an invasion of Western Europe was originally taken when conventional forces in Europe were very weak and when the United States had a substantial nuclear superiority over the Soviet Union. To threaten the Soviet Union with nuclear annihilation was "easy", or, at least, a feasible option since the Soviet Union could not retaliate in kind against American cities.

But the question of whether the Americans would risk Washington for London or Chicago for Hamburg has been raised ever since the Russians, in the late 1950s, acquired the capacity to launch a nuclear strike at the United States. Throughout repeated revisions of NATO doctrine, that ultimate question has never gone away.

Nuclear Winter

To diminish further the credibility of NATO's nuclear strategy, new scientific evidence has emerged that paints a fearful picture of the consequences of the use of nuclear weapons.

Any significant nuclear exchange would produce a "nuclear winter" in the northern hemisphere. Hundreds of millions of people would die from famine and the collapse of life-supporting conditions. In the sure knowledge of what it would do to ourselves, and our country for generations, is it reasonable to believe any longer that either we, or the Americans, would launch the nuclear weapons to halt a Soviet invasion of Europe?

Nuclear escalation

Yet, despite the undermining of NATO's nuclear credibility, the nuclear arms race – and draining of defence budgets – has not slowed. Nuclear weapons are now being developed and refined even further, for fighting and winning a "limited" nuclear war in Europe. This makes it an absolute pre-condition of "victory" for each side to plan to carry out a first-strike attack against the enemies' fixed and land-based missiles.

Such a scenario has added weight both to the argument that NATO strategy is not credible and to the calls for change both in Europe and in the United States.

Labour approach

What deters a potential aggressor is the high probability of defeat.

Our policy is founded upon the plain fact that in our national defence that probability is diminishing because of Britain's declining conventional forces and because of Nato's over emphasis on nuclear weapons.

Our purpose is to tackle that weakness head on.

Strengthening Britain's defences

The priority for Britain is to begin to re-structure our defence commitments, and to put money strictly where it is most needed and best used.

Our Falkland commitment must be included in this restructuring. When Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands it was right that Britain took the Islands back; and Labour supported the government.

Our armed forces rescued the Falklanders from a fascist tyranny, and we must continue to protect their interests. But Mrs Thatcher's policy of 'Fortress Falklands' now costs £1 million a year for every island family. That is a quite unacceptable and unnecessary price to pay to sustain a complete refusal even to talk with a democratically-elected Argentine government which has jailed its former fascist leaders.

We would seek to limit this drain on our scarce defence resources by negotiating a secure and fair settlement of the Falklands dispute which would take full account of the interests of the islanders.

The most important step a Labour government will take towards restructuring our defences will be to cancel the appallingly expensive Trident programme.

Stronger Navy, Air Force and Army

So we will cancel Trident, and we will decommission the ageing Polaris. In doing so we will not only release money which we will devote to strengthening our conventional defences, but we will also remove the imbalances and distortion that Trident causes within our armed forces. We will, for example, be able to restore the commitment to a 50 warship Navy; we will build the European Fighter Aircraft; and we will restore the standards of equipment and training of the British Army in Germany as part of the strengthening of conventional defences along the central front.

Modernizing NATO

Nato's nuclear strategy must be changed. Reforming that strategy and re-establishing its effectiveness, requires that two conditions be met. Neither is sufficient on its own.

- The reliance on nuclear weapons must be brought to an end.
- Nato's conventional strength must be enhanced.

Ending reliance on nuclear weapons

The 'first use' of nuclear weapons in any conflict has always been central to Nato strategy. For the reasons we have given, we believe that strategy to be unworkable. Yet reliance on such a strategy continues to provide the excuse for failing to take the steps needed to enhance conventional strength.

For that reason we believe it is vital that Britain makes a concrete first step towards the implementation of a non-nuclear defence strategy. Without it, the need for change is likely to remain at the level of academic speculation. That is why it is our intention to cancel Trident, de-commission Polaris and remove all American nuclear weapons in this country. The Tory argument that by doing so we will irretrievably alienate the Americans is false. Strengthening Nato's conventional defence and relieving the USA of the obligation to commit nuclear suicide in response to Soviet attack on Western Europe is fully supported by many Americans. Indeed, President Reagan accepted the need for change in Nato strategy in his recent discussions with Mr Gorbachov, when he spoke of clearing American Cruise nuclear missiles out of Europe.

Germany will play a vital role in this.

And, far from incensing the Americans, at the heart of our policy is just what they so often call for: that Europe should play a greater part in its own defence.

Working with our Allies

Everything we do will involve consultation with our allies. Already discussions are underway with colleagues in Europe. In November, we agreed a joint policy with the West German Social Democratic Party. We are both committed to working together within Nato for a reduction and ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons in East and West. Both parties favour a change in Nato strategy to no first use of nuclear weapons and the need to restructure and strengthen Nato's conventional forces. The presence of the British Army of the Rhine and RAF

Enhancing conventional capability

It is axiomatic that if an enemy is to be deterred from attack, it has to be faced with the prospect of defeat. To do so under our strategy requires land, naval and air forces that could inflict that defeat.

There is much discussion of the adequacy of Nato's conventional forces on the central European front.

We, however, accept the view that Nato's conventional capability will need to be enhanced.

Britain will contribute towards that enhancement by committing the sums saved on Trident towards additional conventional strength. The consequence of not taking this course and of depriving our conventional forces in order to purchase and maintain a new nuclear weapon system – Trident – is to significantly lower the nuclear threshold, because such a policy increases dependence on nuclear weapons.

Rationalizing procurement policies

We are committed to implementing more effective procurement policies within the Alliance. For our national purposes we naturally insist that the overwhelming majority of Britain's defence equipment is purchased from British companies.

But collaborative projects with other European NATO countries will be encouraged where this would be cost effective. Stricter control over arms manufacturers and more "open government" by greater parliamentary scrutiny of procurement will help to reduce costs and allow purchase of a larger number of less expensive weapons.

We must also now reverse the current trend towards the procurement of unnecessarily sophisticated and extremely expensive weaponry.

Trying to make one weapon to do everything perfectly, has all too often meant it does nothing very well and at exhorbitant cost.

Reforming military strategy

For too long, our reliance on nuclear weapons has led NATO to neglect vital consideration of military strategy. A strategy which would depend on the firing of nuclear weapons once the front line is breached, is not tenable. As a first step – and one that already has wide support – all nuclear and chemical weapons and their delivery systems should be withdrawn from a corridor 150 kilometres deep on both sides of the dividing line as already proposed in the agreement between the West German Social Democrats and the ruling party in East Germany.

Concurrently, we must lead the move within NATO towards greater defence in depth.

There are three main fields for action to make better defensive use of NATO's armed forces – reserves, barriers and equipment. The most important would be to make better use of NATO's existing reserves of trained manpower. Second, man-made barriers and obstacles have been reliably estimated to be capable of greatly increasing NATO's defensive capability by up to 40 per cent.

The third main area is equipment. The use of new technologies to improve defensive weapons is better than spending money on weapons which may not work for deep strike against targets which may not be there. Air force and naval reforms would be needed to accompany the changes.

Nuclear blackmail

There is a growing consensus among unbiased military specialists that the proposals which we make for a modernized European defence strategy are well founded.

The apologists for nuclear weapons have been thrown onto the back foot. They have always told us that the threat the West faces is of a Warsaw Pact invasion; now they are shifting their ground. A non-nuclear strategy, they argue, will lead to "nuclear blackmail" since even they concede the absurdity of the idea that the Soviet Union might suddenly start hurling nuclear weapons westward.

The notion of "nuclear blackmail" is fallacious. It has long been clear – as the disaster of Chernobyl horrifyingly demonstrated – that the spread of radioactive contamination would make

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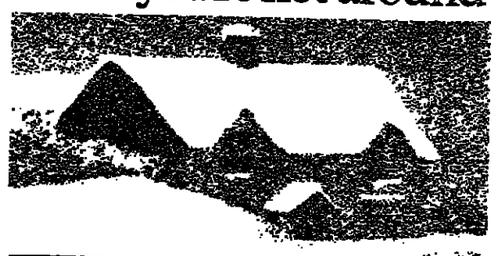

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LABOUR DEFENCE POLICY

Kinnock outlines his strategy

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the use of nuclear weapons largely self-defeating.

There are, of course, no examples of NATO countries – with or without nuclear weapons on their territory – which have in any sense been subject to "nuclear blackmail".

Washington's view

Washington contains more defence analysts than any other capital, and they give more credence to this review of NATO doctrines than opinion in the USA might at first suggest. Successive US Administrations have also understood that NATO is an alliance of severeign states which depends on shared political values and not on an attachment to a particular military strategy.

The United States has accepted and built on major changes *in the past. Because* our policies are not aimed at harming American interests or at getting rid of the American *conventional forces in Britain*, there is no practical reason why they should not work constructively with the policy of modernizing NATO strategy.

The Americans also understand that we are not asking them to dismantle their strategic nuclear weapons. We accept that both the US and Soviet Union will want to maintain a minimum second strike capability as long as the other does. But, since both Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachev agreed at Reykjavik that their aim was to secure the abolition of nuclear weapons, we consider that there are grounds for hope that the maintenance of nuclear strike capabilities by the superpowers will be a transient stage.

As we have pointed out, the Americans have already proposed the elimination of all ballistic missiles between 1991 and 1996. This is the very period in which Mrs Thatcher anticipates receiving Britain's Trident ballistic missiles from the United States.

In the meantime, we are seeking a policy of 'No First Use' of nuclear weapons by NATO and removal of them from Europe. Indeed, but for the Soviet insistence that Star Wars was somehow linked to intermediate nuclear forces in Europe, the meeting at Reykjavik would have led to the removal of all cruise, Pershing, and SS20 missles from Europe – the zero-zero option. This shows that Labour's approach, far from being irresponsible, is attuned to the realities recognized by the superpowers. Unlike Mrs Thatcher, the Labour Party is actively promoting the Reykjavik zero-zero option.

Conclusion

Changing NATO strategy and concentrating Britain's resources on effective conventional forces within NATO will provide both Britain and the West with the best prospect for overcoming the present deficiencies in our defence policies and military strategies.

We will need the support of other members *if we are to* achieve the reform needed. We will pursue this through reasoned discussion and we *will remain in* NATO, to which we contribute 95 per cent of our defence budget.

The mission of the next Labour government, as it was the mission of former Labour governments over the last 40 years, is to find secure ways to prevent the catastrophe of conflict.

European military chiefs are sceptical of Labour strategy

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Senior military commanders in Europe believe that no matter how much of the savings from a cancelled Trident programme a future Labour government would spend on extra conventional forces they could not seriously alter the adverse balance of forces with the Warsaw Pact or replace the deterrent value of a nuclear capability.

The costs of replacing the ageing Polaris system with *Trident is put at £10 billion* but a decision to cancel would not automatically release all those funds for conventional *spending*.

Defence sources said last night that £3 billion had already been spent on the programme, including the £400 million on the warhead production plant at Aldermaston, development costs and the ordering of the first submarine, and that with crippling penalty clauses for cancellation a total of £5 billion of the overall costs would have to be regarded as "irrecoverable".

The Labour Party says it will restore the committment to a 50 warship Navy, build the European fighter aircraft and restore standards of training and equipment of the British Army in Germany, all of which they accuse the Government of neglecting in its determination to proceed with Trident.

Several options would be open to a future Labour government on how to spend the money saved by its non-nuclear policy, according to defence analysts yesterday.

It could probably equip two more armoured brigades, a total of 300 tanks, on the central front in Germany or give the RAF two more squadrons of Tornadoes or build around eight of the Type-23 frigates for the Navy. It could also speed up the provision and increase the number of attack helicopters that the Army would like.

But all those would also involve the ongoing costs of recruiting and training the extra men required and providing the support through the lifetime of the equipment.

One defence source said: "When you weigh it up Labour may be left with £5 billion over 10 or 15 years to spend if they cancel Trident and when you see what it will actually buy in conventional terms it does not add up to very much."

An earlier suggestion for an anti-tank trench filled with explosive slurry along the front in Germany has been dropped from the document issued yesterday and instead it called for a series of man-made barriers and obstacles which it claimed would increase Nato's defensive capability by up to 40 per cent.

Critics of the plan however condemned it as totally impractical both politically and physically.

Some defence analysts yesterday also raised the question of whether a future Labour government would actually fulfil its intention of spending Trident savings on conventional forces if it were to find itself under pressure from its back-benches to divert funds instead into health, education or employment measures.

Within the ranks of senior Nato military commanders in Germany there is deep concern at the effect of Labour policies should they be enacted; one senior officer said it was "inconceivable" that the United Kingdom could stay inside the alliance with a non-nuclear policy that also ejected American nuclear focres from the country.

Even analysts who believe that the decision to get rid of Britain's independent nuclear deterrent would not have any significant military effect say that the political consequences within Nato, and in particular with the Americans, would be "disastrous".

In the document yesterday Labour said the implementation of its non-nuclear policy *would not go ahead without* "complex and thorough discussion" and that it would irretrievably alienate the *Americans*.

However only last week General Bernard Rogers, the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe said that the implementation of such policies would lead to the withdrawal of the 350,000 US troops stationed in Europe and the Nato defence ministers meeting in Brussels for the first time included a rejection of unilateral disarmament in their final communique.

Kinnock defence plan 'has desperate danger'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Labour's new defence policy faced an immediate and sustained onslaught from the opposition parties with Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, asserting that it would leave Britain "defenceless in an uncertain world" and mean that a Labour government would have to reintroduce conscription.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, made clear that the Alliance would refuse to support a minority Labour government if it insisted on its non-nuclear policy.

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, responding to Labour's plans (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Mr Younger, at a Conservative Central Office press conference, said that Labour's plan was desperately dangerous for Britain and the Western Alliance, and would greatly threaten the future of Nato. He described Mr Kinnock's trip last week to the United States as a "mission impossible".

The Labour leader now knew the strength of feeling across the political spectrum about his proposals to expel US nuclear forces from Britain.

"All of us want to see reductions in the size of nuclear arsenals across the world. Experience shows that the only way to achieve that is from a position of strength.

"Unilateral disarmament would torpedo the prospect of successful arms talks between East and West. Why should the Russians negotiate seriously when everything is conceded to them in advance?"

Mr Younger said Mr Kinnock's only response to the outcry against his defence policy was to cover his ears. Meanwhile Labour's deputy leader, Mr Roy Hattersley, crossed his fingers and shadow Foreign Secretary Denis Healey shut his mouth. But the storm of protest would not die down.

"Can each of your western European allies, and indeed informed opinion throughout the Western Alliance, all be wrong and Mr Kinnock right? This new Labour policy is a desperately dangerous policy for Britain and for the Western Alliance on which our future peace and freedom rests."

Mr Younger said it was sad that Mr Hattersley and Mr Healey could not bring themselves to speak for Britain at this important time.

"The cornerstone of Britain's security since 1949 has been our membership of the Nato alliance. Indeed there has been a consensus of opinion between Conservative and Labour governments over this issue."

He forecast the American people would not tolerate leaving their troops in Britain without nuclear protection, even if Mr Kinnock said he *would allow British* troops to remain in West Germany without such protection.

Conventional forces played and would continue to play a vital role in Nato strategy, but on their own they could not remove the threat of nuclear weapons.

Mr Younger said the idea that the use of Trident money on conventional forces could significantly redress the large conventional imbalance between Nato and the Warsaw Pact was illusory. Mr Younger said that a totally conventional strategy would al*most certainly mean* conscription and Labour must face up to that. It would be necessary for Britain to match the size of the Warsaw Pact's conventional forces.

Dr Owen said: "There is no way that we would give a non-nuclear strategy the time of day."

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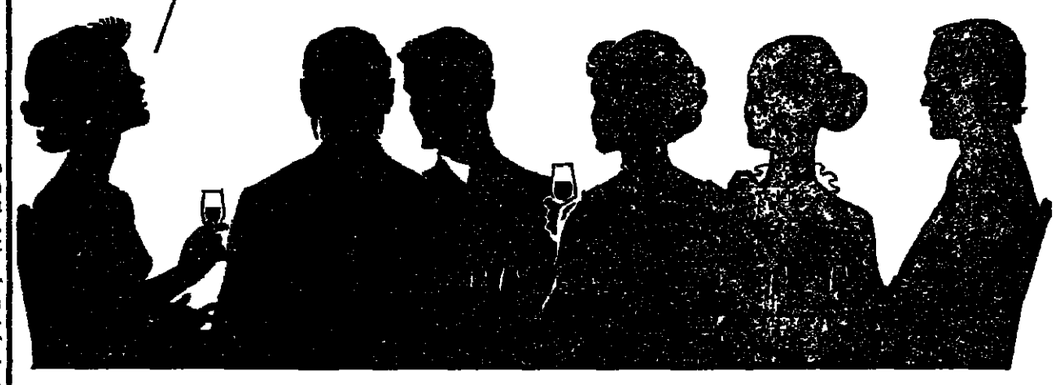

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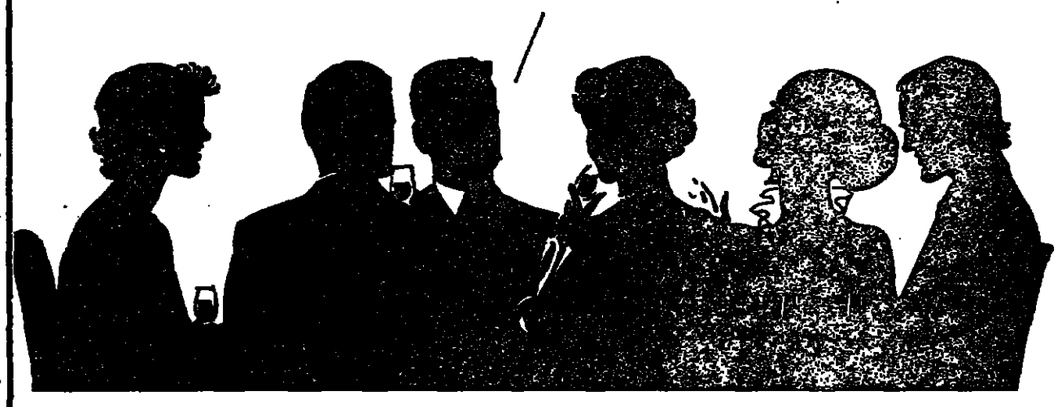

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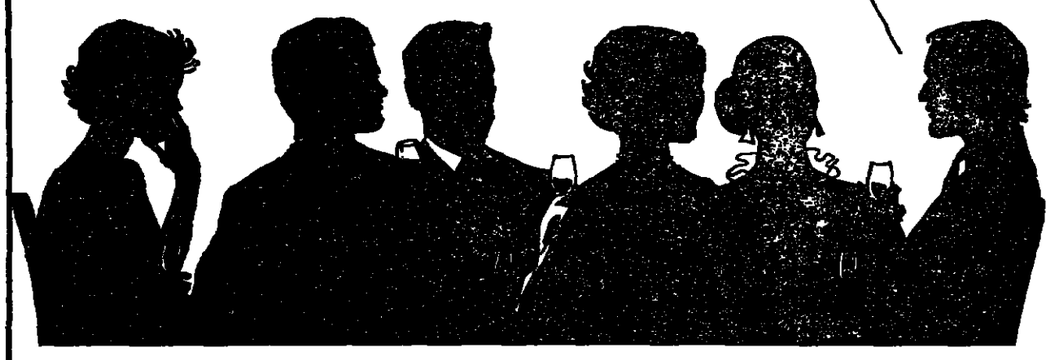

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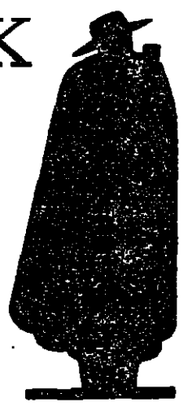

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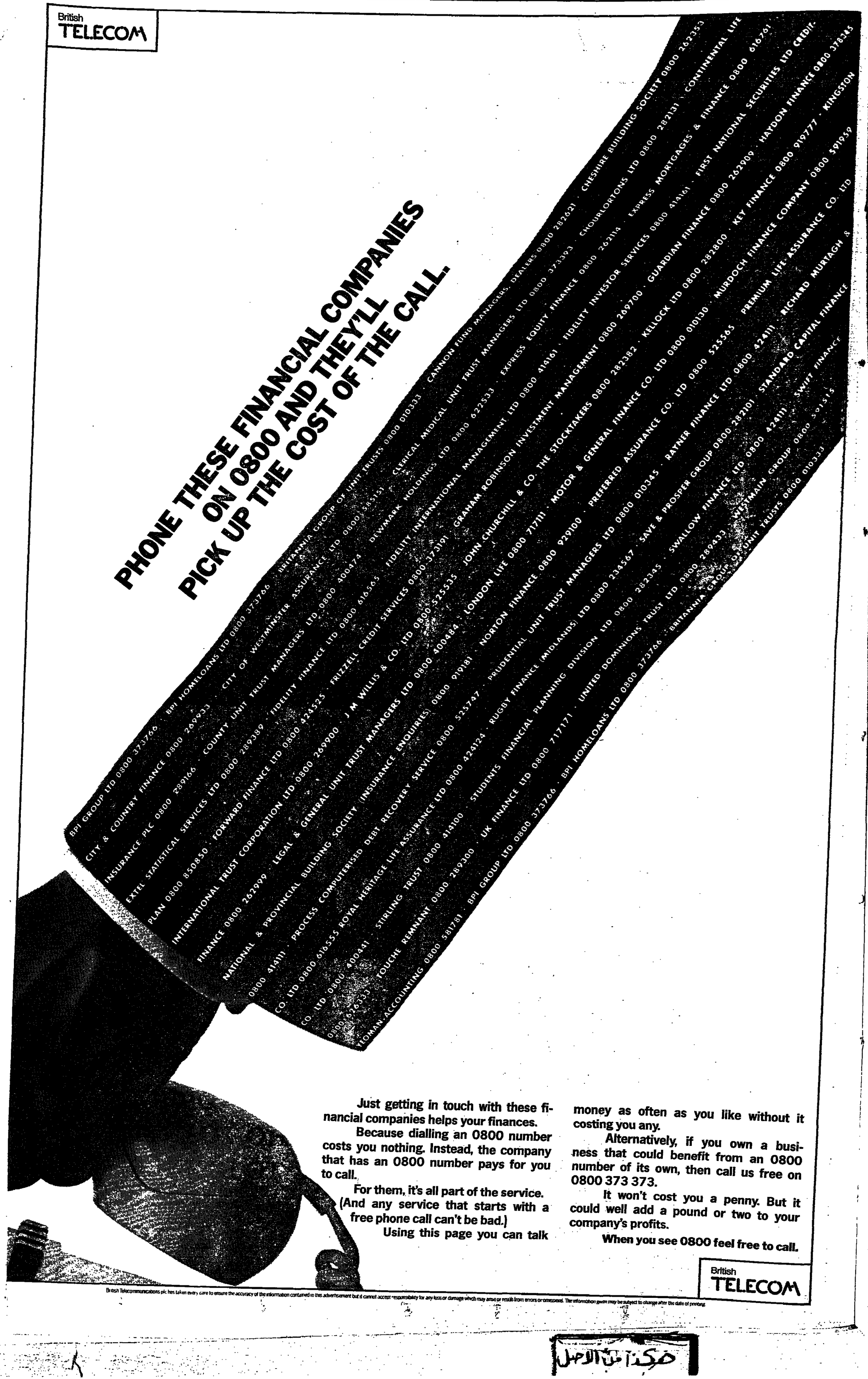

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WORLD SUMMARY

Villagers lose long fight against dam

Madrid — Determined residents of the doomed town of Riano confronted policemen on foot and horseback firing rubber bullets and smoke bombs yesterday in a futile last-ditch effort to keep their homes from being demolished (Harry Debelius writes).

Hope of yet another reprieve for the northern Spanish town, which has been living on borrowed time since construction of a dam on the river Esla began 20 years ago, faded on Wednesday morning when a local judge failed to extend a stay of execution previously granted in favour of the townsfolk.

Church bells chimed at 7.30am, alerting residents to the long feared arrival of hundreds of policemen, who screened a column of heavy construction machinery, brought for the purpose of demolishing 23 houses which stand in the way of the construction of pillars for a high bridge which will cross above the town that is to be submerged.

According to Spanish authorities, the artificial lake which will drown Riano and eight small villages nearby, will make possible the irrigation of 80,000 hectares and will produce 168 kilowatts of electric power.

● PAMPLONA: Four workers were killed when shuttering collapsed and buried them under 150 tonnes of newly-poured concrete at a hydroelectric plant being built in Pamplona (Reuter reports).

Swiss switch

Berne (Reuter) — The Swiss Parliament has elected Mr Arnold Koller Economy Minister and Mr Flavio Cotti Interior Minister yesterday.

They will take the places respectively of Mr Kurt Furgler, Switzerland's longest-serving cabinet member, and Mr Alphons Egli. All four men are Christian Democrats, one of four parties in the centrist coalition that has governed Switzerland for 27 years.

Revenge lynching

Nairobi (AFP) — Angry villagers near Lake Victoria shore town of Kisumu, have lynched three armed bogus policemen who had been terrorising them, *The Kenya Times* reported.

The three were in a group of five men dressed in police uniforms and armed with machetes and clubs. They had been conducting a door-to-door raid in the village when they were suspected of being robbers. Three were overpowered and killed.

Cancer campaign

Brussels — The EEC has launched a new campaign against cancer in europe with a promise to ban sales of duty free cigarettes in ports and airports (A Correspondent writes).

The Social Affairs Commissioner, Señor Manuel Marin presented a 75-point plan to check the spread of a disease which is expected to affect one EEC citizen in three by the year 2000, compared with one in four today.

The main areas of action would be the fight against tobacco addiction, improvement in eating habits, a reduction in alcohol consumption and more protection against radiation.

The Brussels authorities are also concerned to step up regular screening for cancer in Europe.

Millions for Miro

Madrid — Fortytwo paintings by Joan Miró, sold here by Sotheby's, fetched £2.6 million, two thirds higher than the artist's heirs had been advised to expect in Spain (Richared Wigg writes).

Considerable foreign interest was shown in the first public auction of works in Miró's own possession when he died, aged 90, almost three years ago. Three quarters of the paintings were sold to foreign purchasers.

Mayor's fury

Madrid — Señor Pedro Pacheco, the mayor of Jerez de la Frontera, the home town if sherry, has been barred from public life for six years by a Seville court and may not be able to stand for mayor next year.

He was found guilty of contempt for declaring "justice is a farce, the rich always win" after a famous Spanish popular singer, won an appeal against Jerez Town Council's order to pull down a chalet home.

Jelly Jesus too much

A Bonn sweets-maker has come unstack with a special Christmas line in jelly figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as well as chewy stable animals, shepherds and Stars of Bethlehem (John England writes).

The West German Catholic Bishops Conference has criticized the firm, Haribo, for a "tastelessness for which Catholics and other Christians have no understanding", and the firm has been deluged with letters of complaint from the public.

But a spokesman for the firm said yesterday: "We can't withdraw the sweets from the market because they have all gone out to retailers."

Disarray benefits President

From Diana Geddes
Paris

Paris students' banners attack the killing of a comrade by police (Photograph: Chris Harris)

The disarray of the Government of M Jacques Chirac, following the defeat of its controversial education Bill at the hands of the students, has given President Mitterrand a wonderful opportunity to re-assert his pre-eminence on the French political scene.

In a two-hour radio interview on Tuesday night, scheduled a year ago and therefore long before the recent troubles began, M Mitterrand said he had asked M Chirac several times to withdraw the University Reform Bill — a decision he had taken "a little late, but just in time". (On Sunday, M Chirac denied that the President had ever asked him to withdraw the Bill.)

M Mitterrand went on to say that he felt himself "on the same wavelength" as the students, who were "remarkably mature and endowed with great wisdom and an undeniably pacific temperament". There had been no violence on their part, he claimed, but on the part of professional trouble-makers.

Asked about his relations with the Prime Minister, he said he found M Chirac a man of "many qualities which I would hope would be used in the right place and at the right moment".

Cohabitation, he confessed, was a difficult art. Everyone knew that he and M Chirac did not share views on a number of subjects, but "we manage to work out a common line on the issues relating to the major interests of France, foreign policy and defence in particular.

"Each of us, in his own way, is in the service of France," he said.

M Mitterrand claimed it was the President's role to act as umpire or judge and make known his views whenever he felt the common interests or unity of the country were endangered. But, he had no power to initiate or pass laws. That, he said, was the work of the Government and Parliament.

During the first five years of his presidency, before the advent of cohabitation, M Mitterrand had enjoyed the same vast powers as his three predecessors. Powers which he had always considered excessive in so far as they were based on practice, and not on a strict reading of the constitution.

"There must not be absolute power," he continued, "but there is a pre-eminent power. The president must be able to dispose of great authority. This great authority he will find in the texts (of the constitution), but above all he will find it in himself and in his way of conducting himself."

Protests in Paris end with silent procession

From Michael McCarthy
Paris

Several hundred thousand young people in a procession four miles long closed the 1986 French student revolt, the authorities hope, in their own inimitable fashion yesterday by filling the boulevards of Paris with silence.

Organizers of the march claimed a turnout of more than 500,000 in Paris with another 200,000 in the provinces, while the police put the turnout at 126,000 in the capital.

Defiantly displaying their self-control to the Government whose education reform plan was so humiliatingly defeated by their agitation, the students walked from the Place Denfert Rochereau in the south of the city to the Place de la Nation in the east in an enormous file that was slow, peaceful, and completely hushed.

The entire student population of Paris seemed to have turned itself into a solemn memorial cortège for Malik Oussekine, the student killed in last week's riots.

The de facto leader of this year's semi-uprising, David Assouline, a history student, told the mass of demonstrators when they arrived at Place de la Nation: "This demonstration has been the best possible homage we could have rendered to Malik and the other victims of police repression."

Nixon says Iran issue is not a Watergate

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Former President Nixon, speaking out for the first time on the Iran crisis, said it was not another Watergate, nor would it become one as long as the Reagan Administration kept the initiative.

But he urged Republicans to defend the President and not to indulge in "cannibalism".

He went on: "As I have written in my memoirs, Watergate was handled abysmally. President Reagan is handling this crisis expeditiously."

He had talked to the President several times on the telephone recently, and Mr Reagan said he knew nothing of the diversion of funds to the Contras. "And I believe him," Mr Nixon added.

The former President, who resigned over Watergate in 1974, was addressing a meeting of Republican governors in New Jersey.

He admitted that Mr Reagan was in trouble because subordinates "screwed up", but said the President's critics should "get off his back" and allow him to continue his "quest for peace".

He called the controversy over Iran and the Contra funds a "sideshow in Washington" that could weaken the President in his dealings with Moscow.

Colonel to face Malta legislature

From Austin Sammut
Malta

The commander of Malta's "Task Force", an elitist corps, is to be brought before the House of Representatives to answer a charge of breaching the privilege of the House.

Colonel John Cachia yesterday entered the House and challenged the Leader of the Opposition, Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, calling him a liar. Dr Fenech Adami was replying to the 1986 budget speech.

A number of ministers and parliamentary members then crossed the floor and crowded the Opposition leader before the televised sitting was suspended for the second time.

Dr Fenech Adami devoted the main part of his speech to what he called "the threat to liberty and democracy in Malta", evident from the political violence occurring the previous week, which left one person dead and at least 70 injured.

He described how socialist supporters had shot at the car of the Task Force commander at Zejtoun on November 30, and then exclaimed: "Excuse me sir, we did not notice it was you."

Dr Fenech Adami read out excerpts of radio conversations between police officers at Zejtoun on November 30 and the Prime Minister and other ministers. He accused one minister of being an accomplice in the police-aided criminal assault on Nationalist Party supporters attending a mass rally there.

The Leader of the Opposition said his party had recordings of all radio communications and claimed that the gas used by the police on that day was not tear gas but choking gas.

Rights day detentions in Russia

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The strict limits to changes in Soviet policy under Mr Mikhail Gorbachov were demonstrated yesterday when International Human Rights Day was marked by the detention of four members of divided families and a vigorous defence by officials of the decision to banish Mr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physicist, nearly seven years ago.

A Foreign Ministry press conference staged to demonstrate the claimed new approach by Moscow to "humanitarian issues" backfired when Western reporters drew negative responses on a number of key issues from senior officials who did nothing to disguise their contempt for many of the questions.

Mr Vsevolod Sofinsky, First Deputy Head of the Ministry for Humanitarian and Cultural Relations, was asked whether Dr Sakharov's exile to Gorky, some 250 miles outside Moscow, would be permanent.

"There is nothing permanent in this world. What is most temporary is most permanent," he said.

To the obvious irritation of the seven-strong Soviet panel, Mr Sofinsky was asked to explain the Kremlin's plans for Dr Sakharov's future.

"You know in a planned state, we do everything on the basis of plans except for those which cannot be planned," he replied obscurely.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Anatoly Marchenko, the Soviet dissident whose death was revealed by relatives early this week, died from a brain haemorrage which followed "a natural and long disease".

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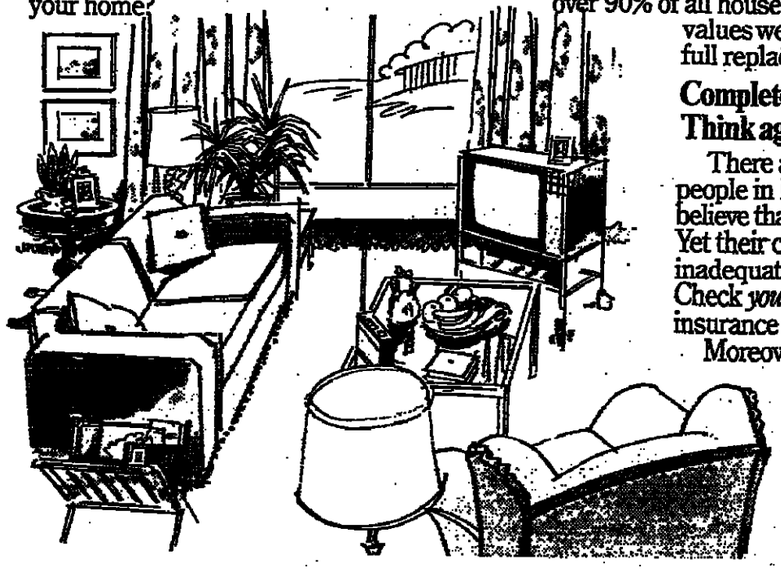

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Refugees refuse to give up hope in slum camps of West Bank

From Ian Murray, Nablus

The "main road" is about five feet across from rough concrete wall to rough concrete wall. The air is heavy with the pungent odour of disinfectant overlaying rotting rubbish and urine. The "side roads" are alleyways, barely a yard across, leading steeply up and down hill to the ill-ventilated houses.

Mr Mohammed Atta knows these alleyways and houses intimately. He was born 25 years ago in the one where he still lives.

Each day as a boy he walked down the main road to the little UNRWA (UN Relief and Work Agency) school where the windows look straight out across the gravestones in the Muslim cemetary.

Like so many others in the camp he refused to accept the view that the school was the dead end of his academic career. He is now a qualified architect and teacher's assistant at the An Najah University in Nablus and has won a scholarship to study in America next August.

The fetid smell of the camp permeates every dingy room. It is relatively well-appointed with a good water supply and three telephones for the 4,000 residents, but the overcrowding has inevitably created slum conditions.

Mr Atta has spent his life in this modern slum, which was built in 1955 and was meant to last for only five years.

He saves what he can from his earnings in the hope that one day he will be able to buy his way out by building his own house for a wife he still seeks.

He does not expect her to come from any of the wealthy West Bank families, whose opulent homes flank the road leading to the refugee camp. They do not mix with the refugees very much. He wants children of his own, despite the apparent hopelessness.

A neighbour up the alleyway is Mr Wassef Zaitoun, the cousin of Ramadan Zaitoun, aged 12, who died on Monday with a bullet in the head after a stone-throwing incident at Balata Camp, on the other side of Nablus.

The Army says the boy died before soldiers fired live ammunition at the camp that day but Mr Wassef says he has spoken to a girl, aged 15, who caught the dying boy in her arms as he fell. "The Army would say they didn't shoot, of course," he says. "But the girl saw the soldiers fire."

He says no one in the camps has any guns. "Even if someone wears a bullet on a chain round his neck he goes to prison for six months. Only the army have guns. We have only stones to throw."

A 16-year-old girl was hit in the elbow by a bullet when Israeli soldiers fired to break up a demonstration by Palestinian schoolchildren in the Gaza Strip yesterday morning (Our Own Correspondent writes).

According to the army the girl was inciting other children to demonstrate and had ignored a warning to disperse.

Shia Muslim Amal militiamen firing against Palestinians at the Bourj-al-Barajneh refugee camp before the ceasefire.

Lebanon's 'savage war' is interrupted

Maghdousheh, Lebanon, (Reuter) — Guerrillas yesterday honoured part of an Iranian-mediated accord to defuse the savage "camps war" between Palestinian fighters and Shia Muslim Amal militia in Beirut and south Lebanon.

The Palestinians evacuated some strategic positions won from Amal in Maghdousheh, 25 miles south of Beirut, and Amal allowed ambulances and relief supplies into the besieged Palestinian refugee camp at Rashidiyeh, near Tyre.

It was the biggest success so far in Iranian and Libyan efforts to arrange a truce after 10 weeks of fighting in which at least 600 people have been killed and more than 1,150 wounded in and around Palestinian refugee camps.

Scores of Palestinian guerrillas withdrew from five front-line positions in Maghdousheh and handed them over to a buffer force of fighters of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God).

The Iranian national anthem was played as the Hezbollah fighters chanted: "Allah-o-Akbar" (God is most Great) and "Victory to Khomeini".

A handful of Christian residents ventured from their shell-pocked houses to watch the handover, which was supervised by Iranian officials, who had done much of the negotiating.

Hezbollah ambulances took away 20 corpses which had been lying in the debris-strewn streets for more than a week.

Shortly after the Maghdousheh withdrawal, about 100 Amal fighters around Rashidiyeh watched as two vans with emergency supplies and six ambulances entered the refugee camp, breaking a two-month Amal siege.

Ambulances from the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Lebanese Red Cross, were expected to evacuate wounded Palestinians.

Bulldozers had already removed huge sand barriers erected around the camp as shields from snipers.

In Beirut, Palestinian sources reported sporadic exchanges of rocket-propelled grenades at the Shatila and Bourj al-Barajneh camps.

Yesterday's moves to implement the truce came after five days during which Iranian and Libyan efforts were undermined by flare-ups of fighting and the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Vassily Kolotousha, said Moscow was adding its weight to peace efforts.

"We want this war among brothers to end. We want a political solution and the Soviet Union has made contacts with the parties concerned," he said on Tuesday.

Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who enjoys wide support in the camps, has so far rejected the latest ceasefires.

EEC under spotlight

Last-ditch effort to avert trade war

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A top level Reagan Administration team moved from London to Brussels yesterday for critical talks to head off a threatened trade war between the US and the EEC.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Richard Lyng, the US Agriculture Secretary, left after meetings with British ministers. Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Secretary, had arrived from London earlier, and Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, was expected to join them.

Earlier, Mr Lyng discussed the trade war threat with Mr Paul Channon, Britain's Secretary for Trade and Industry.

The Americans planned to hold a preparatory session before talking to EEC officials on Friday. They are to see members of the Commission in a last-ditch effort to beat a December 31 deadline imposed by the US.

Measures to block EEC exports to the US worth $500 million (£352 million) a year have been threatened if the dispute is not solved. But with both sides taking up fixed positions the room for negotiation looked slender.

The Americans have demanded compensation for the loss of exports to Spain and Portugal of sorghum and maize worth $500 million. The accession of both countries to the EEC had the effect of making it cheaper for their importers to buy from European countries.

M Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, has responsibility for the negotiations rather than the European Council. He has refused to pay compensation but offered other measures. This is understood to be unacceptable to the Americans.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who is in Brussels for the main annual meeting of the North Atlantic Council, was staying in close touch with the talks. Britain's presidency of the EEC give him the responsibility for liaising with M Delors. The Council has expressed full support for M Delors' stand.

The dispute almost came to a head last July but a trade war was averted by a delaying formula. This allowed the US to continue exports to the EEC at the 1985 level on the understanding that a full agreement would be reached by the end of the year.

Howe warns of fragile relations with US

From Robert Owen, Strasbourg

On the eve of crucial US-European talks in Brussels today and tomorrow, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary, yesterday urged Europe not to exacerbate political and economic tensions with Washington.

In his final address to the European Parliament as President of the EEC Council of Ministers, he said the West must not be distracted from "the real opportunities" for East-West arms control agreements in the wake of the Reykjavik summit.

He said a solution had to be found on US-European trade tensions by the end of the year to avoid political disruption within the Western alliance.

The annual meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Brussels today gives Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, a chance to soothe European anxieties over US foreign policy in the wake of both the Reykjavik summit and the White House scandal over the Iran arms deal.

Tomorrow Mr Shultz has the equally difficult task of tackling EEC-US trade tensions in talks at the EEC Commission.

Washington has threatened to retaliate by December 31 against what it sees as unfair EEC barriers against American farm exports following the enlargement of the Community earlier this year to include Spain and Portugal.

Sir Geoffrey warned that US-European relations must not be allowed to deteriorate because of bitter battles over steel or cereals exports. Farm subsidies, he said, were a problem on both sides of the Atlantic and had to be dealt with within Gatt (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) to avoid a "slide into protectionism".

"It would be tempting to put up barriers against imports from America. But 16 per cent of EEC farm exports go to America. If we took unilateral action we should soon be like Pyrrhus, who said after the battle of Asculum: 'One more victory like that and we are done for'."

Sir Geoffrey identified Western arms priorities as the removal of intermediate nuclear forces from Europe, a halving of strategic arms and a chemical weapons ban, but said there could be no East-West confidence unless Moscow improved its human rights policies.

Crisis budget meeting

From Our Correspondent, Strasbourg

Amid plans for a crisis EEC summit in Brussels in March, EEC Budget Ministers last night held emergency consultations with the European Parliament in a final bid to settle a Common Market budget for 1987.

Euro-MPs said it was possible there may not be agreement by tomorrow's deadline — when the Parliament is due to vote on the second and final budget reading — because of disagreements over spending priorities and the likely £2 billion overrun on the 1987 budget.

They said if the budget was rejected the Community would be funded by a system of "provisional twelfths".

Mr Henning Christophersen, the Budget Commissioner, yesterday warned that this year's shortfall of at least £1 billion would exhaust all EEC revenues for next year. His warning followed an address by Mrs Thatcher on Tuesday, in which she refused to consider any increase in VAT contributions to the EEC until 1988 at the earliest.

Churches accused in Kenya

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

The co-ordinating body for the major Protestant Churches in Kenya, the National Christian Council of Kenya, (NCCK), has been accused by a senior government minister of attempting to play the role of an opposition party and engaging in subversive activities.

Mr Justus Ole Tipis, the Minister of State responsible for internal security, said the NCCK tended to deviate from its original role of bringing Christians together in Kenya and was involved in political matters outside its mandate.

He disclosed that the Kenya Government is currently investigating allegations that some members of the council might have knowledge of the underground activities of the clandestine Mwakenya organization. These investigations have already indicated there was reasonable evidence that "some elements within the NCCK" were opposed to the policies of the Government and the ruling party, Kanu, the minister said.

Mr Tipis went on: "This conduct, among some few members of the NCCK, and their masters who are hiding behind the organization, has not only created concern in the Government, but also among member Churches, to the extent that some are already pulling out of the organization." He said the Government would not allow the NCCK to be used as "a den for underground politics".

Three die in Zambia food riots

Lusaka (Reuter) — The Zambian copper belt was quiet yesterday after two days of food riots in which at least three people died.

The army was patrolling the streets of at least one major town and police roadblocks had replaced rioters' barricades, residents said.

The rioting, over a 120 per cent rise in the price of refined maize meal, subsided on Tuesday night after the Government imposed a curfew.

The Government also closed land borders to outgoing travellers, although visitors can still arrive and depart normally through the country's airports.

Security forces were back in control in the main towns of Kitwe and Ndola early yesterday, although the atmosphere was still tense and shops and businesses stayed closed.

"Things seem to be calming down. I think this morning is quite quiet," one businessman in Kitwe said.

In Kitwe, a town of 460,000 inhabitants, lorry-loads of soldiers patrolled the city to back up the police, who had fought stone-throwing rioters on Monday and Tuesday.

Security forces were carrying out extensive identity checks and streets were littered with debris from stoned vehicles, looted shops and Government offices.

The sound of gunfire that crackled almost continuously in the streets of Kitwe yesterday had virtually disappeared.

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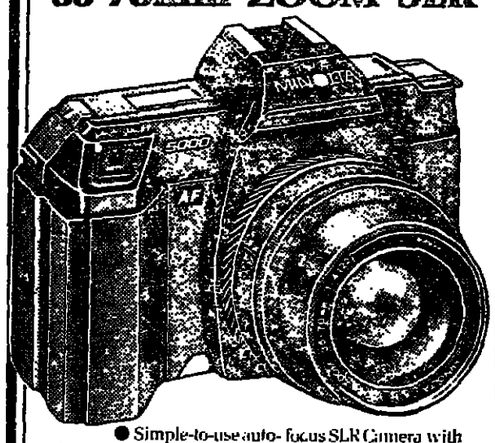

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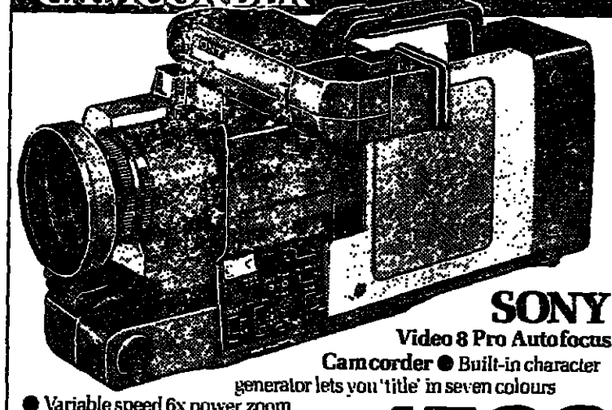

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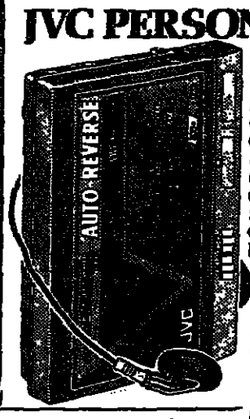

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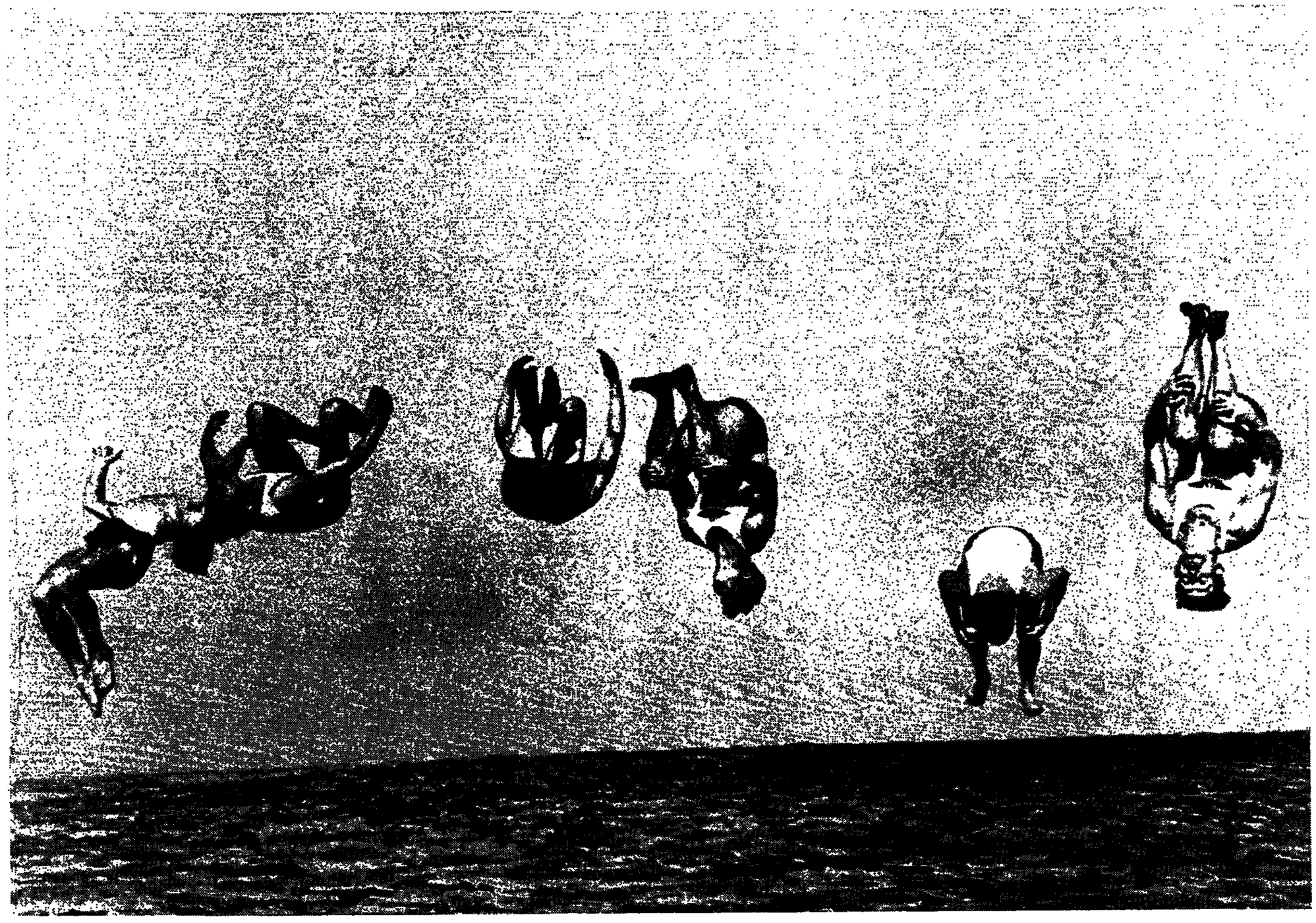

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Filipinos rejoice at 60-day truce

From Keith Dalton
Manila

Fighting officially stopped at noon yesterday in the Philippines 17-year-old insurgency with hundreds of unarmed communist rebels streaming into provincial cities from their mountain hideouts to join peace rallies.

Several hundred masked communist rebels commandeered trucks and minibuses into Cagayan de Oro city where, with hundreds of supporters, they marched through the southern city chanting "Mabuhay (long live) ceasefire. Mabuhay Cory Aquino".

Church bells in the central city of Bacolod heralded the start of the 60-day truce and were greeted with wild applause and cheers from about 200 rebels who joined more than 10,000 residents in a peace rally.

Occasional fireworks in Manila and a small rally at the capital's main Roman Catholic cathedral highlighted the low-key official observance of the first attempt to negotiate an end to the bloody rebellion in which more than 18,000 people have died.

There were no reports of any clashes since the start of the ceasefire.

The armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, ordered a halt to all fighting but warned Filipinos not to be "complacent", reminding them that since the ceasefire was signed on November 27, 15 civilians had died in the guerrilla war.

President Aquino cautiously welcomed the ceasefire – a personal political triumph – by telling the nation that "the prospects of a truly effective ceasefire depend on a sincere desire for peace on both sides."

Champagne after the hard talking: the rebel negotiator Mr Antonio Zumel, centre, with government military representatives, retired Major-General Jose Magno, left, and Major-General Eduardo Ermita, right, celebrate the truce.

Peace talks on "substantive issues" to resolve south-east Asia's major communist insurgency are due to begin before the end of the month and both sides expect long and tedious negotiations.

Hours before the ceasefire began, the rebel negotiator, Mr Satur Ocampo, broadcast a nationwide appeal on government radio for the 23,000 strong New Peoples Army (NPA) to abide by the truth.

Disagreements over military operations during the two-month-long truce almost delayed the start of the ceasefire which coincides with International Human Rights Day.

After more than four hours of talks, the rebel negotiators agreed that armed guerrilla units would not enter "population centres".

In return, government negotiators promised that routine patrols would be conducted by police units only against criminals and a system of signs and signals would allow the rebels safe passage in the countryside.

Only on the eve of the ceasefire did both sides agree on the five members of a national ceasefire committee to implement the accord and monitor violations, but local committees throughout the country still have to be formed.

"In the meantime, we would like to call on all parties to exercise the utmost restraint and good faith in the spirit of making the ceasefire agreement a reality," the chief government negotiator, Mr Teofisto Guingona, said at a joint press conference with his rebel counterparts.

Mr Ocampo, representing the communist dominated National Democratic Front, said the rebels were committed to "observe the spirit and the letter" of the accord but indicated differences remained over the ban on rebels carrying firearms in public places.

"The NPA operates in the population areas in the city and in the countryside. They will be defenceless if they are disarmed," he said.

Lange is warned

Canberra can't fill US role

From Richard Long, Wellington

Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday warned New Zealand that his country could not fill the role in a security alliance once played by the United States.

Arriving in Wellington for a four-day visit and talks with Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Hayden bluntly spelt out his Government's complete disagreement with its Tasman neighbour on its ban on visits by nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered ships.

This policy, he said, also was causing Australia "marked additional expense" because of the need to duplicate separate defence exercises with New Zealand after training with the United States.

Mr Hayden's comments, on the eve of his talks with Mr Lange, are likely to cause Wellington considerable embarrassment.

Mr Lange and his ministers had said they were seeking an expanded defence relationship with Australia to replace the loss of the American security guarantee.

Washington withdrew its guarantee, as well as defence training and exchanges, when Wellington imposed its ban on visits by nuclear warships early last year.

Mr Frank O'Flynn, the New Zealand Minister of Defence, had said there were no problems in strengthening the Australian defence arrangements

Mr Hayden, however, rejected this. "Australia cannot realistically be expected to provide a substitute for the United States as a security partner for New Zealand," he said.

Mr Hayden left the impression that the maintenance of separate defence exercises with New Zealand could pose budgetary problems for Australia in the future. "It has not so far... But what next year's budget is likely to be like, I don't know." Mr Paul Keating, the Canberra Treasurer, he said, had chilled his colleagues this week with some warnings about costs.

The comments are seen as a major setback to the Lange Government as it seeks to find a way out of the defence dilemma brought on by its nuclear warships ban. Legislation to enforce the ban, currently before Parliament, has brought objections from both London and Washington.

The New Zealand policy has also brought difficulties for the Australian Labour Government of Prime Minister Mr Bob Hawke, who, as a result, has declined to visit New Zealand.

Mr Hayden, in an arrival statement handed to reporters, said the Australian Government "disagrees completely with New Zealand policy on port and air access and understands the actions which the United States has taken to suspend its security obligations under Anzus to New Zealand".

Swiss will recognize Hong Kong passport

Hong Kong (AFP) – Switzerland is the first country to recognize formally a new British-Hong Kong passport to be issued to some 3.[illegible] million people here from July 1987, the Hong Kong Government announced.

The new British National Overseas (BNO) passport will replace the existing British Dependent Territories Citizen (BDTC) passport, which will expire in 1997 when the British colony reverts to Chinese sovereignty.

The BNO passport, in keeping with the BDTC travel document, will not give the holder the right of abode in Britain, which has raised worries here on the validity of it as a travel document.

The Swiss recognition meant holders of BNO passports will be allowed to enter Switzerland without visas.

Soviet survey

Moscow (Reuter) – A limited census of the Soviet population, covering 800,00[illegible] people, got under way yesterday in preparation for a full survey in 1989.

Out of jail

Singapore (Reuter) – The Singapore opposition leader, Mr Joshua Jeyaretnam, was released, after a one-month prison sentence for fraud, to be greeted by 2,000 supporters.

Asylum sought

Melbourne (Reuter) – Neum Shalamanov, aged 19, the Bulgarian weightlifter who disappeared after breaking a world record at the weekend, is seeking political asylum in Australia.

Coke war

Atlanta (Reuter) – Coca-Cola said it has signed a $30 million agreement to bottle and sell Coke more widely in the Soviet Union, where its arch-rival Pepsi-Cola is already well established.

Old tech

Brussels (AP) – Due to a computer failure, the daily newspaper, *De Morgen*, appeared on the new stands with its 32 tabloid pages filled with articles hand-written by its journalists and editors.

Bali break

Jakarta (Reuter) – William York, a 34-year-old Australian jailed on drugs charges on the holiday island of Bali has been recaptured after breaking out of prison, but a West German who escaped with him was still at large.

Yen spree

Tokyo (Reuter) – Japanese companies spent more than 10.5 billion yen (£6 million) a day entertaining their business partners and associates last year.

Colombia drug barons turn to heroin business

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Evidence is mounting that drug barons in Colombia, nerve centre of the cocaine market in South America, are entering the heroin trade.

Early this week police seized 55 lb of heroin, worth about $1.5 million (£1 million), in a small town near Medellin, Colombia's second biggest city, which is regarded as the corporate headquarters of the nation's cocaine racketeers.

The haul, packed in plastic bags in the boot of a car which police stopped after a tip-off, confirmed the long-held suspicions of Colombia's anti-narcotics squad that the nation's drug "mafiosos" have made contact with heroin racketeers in south-east Asia's "Golden Triangle". Their aim seems to be to convert Colombia into a bridge for smuggling heroin into the United States and Europe.

As the only South American country with coasts on the Pacific and the Caribbean-Atlantic, Colombia is in an ideal location to do just that, as its long involvement in the cocaine trade has underlined.

It is estimated that Colombia is the source of 75 per cent of the cocaine and 40 per cent of the marijuana which enters the US, and also of the increasingly large shipments of cocaine reaching Europe. The marijuana is home-grown and the cocaine is processed in laboratories from coca paste brought in from Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

With a sophisticated network of ships and planes, the Colombian racketeers are well-placed to add heroin to their illicit business and they have always shown a talent for diversifying. Most of them started as ordinary smugglers. In the 1970s they made fantastic fortunes out of the "marijuana bonanza", when Colombia was the source of about 90 per cent of the marijuana entering the US. By the end of the decade they started to concentrate on cocaine with equal success.

Last month a federal grand jury in Miami indicted Medellin dollar-billionaire Pablo Escobar Gavira and four others on charges of controlling up to 80 per cent of the world's cocaine trade.

The MI5 book hearing

Quick end in sight after secret documents deal

From Stephen Taylor
Sydney

Yesterday's dramatic surrender by the British Government of secret information in the MI5 book trial, clears the way for a speedy end to proceedings which started more than a year ago and which have proved an acute embarrassment to Whitehall.

But while this compromise saves some face for the Thatcher administration it leaves a lot of questions unanswered.

In particular, it may be inferred that either Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, deliberately misled the hearing, or that he was kept in the dark about the involvement of MI5 and MI6 in the publication of secret information of which he ought to have been aware.

Further, while Whitehall has sought throughout to dismiss the application for access to the papers as "a fishing expedition", Mr Malcolm Turnbull, Mr Peter Wright's counsel, is satisfied that he has landed evidence of "startling differences" between Sir Robert's testimony and the facts.

The most immediate result of yesterday's deal is that the issue of the secret documents will not go to the Appeal Court today and the hearing, rather than dragging on into next year, will probably end with final submissions next week.

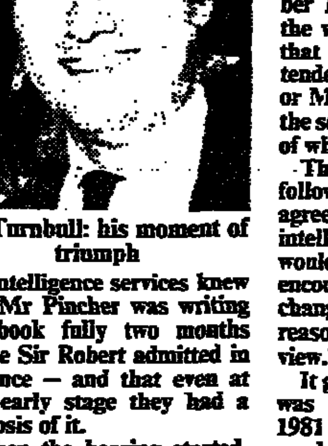
Another consequence is that Sir Robert will not have to return to Sydney for further cross-examination.

Under the deal, Mr Turnbull has abandoned his claim to the documents in exchange for a summary of their contents.

One sticking point, which involved intensive last-minute negotiations outside the court yesterday, concerns the details surrounding publication of Chapman Pincher's book, *Their Trade is Treachery*.

It has been a crucial element in the defence case that Whitehall knew about – possibly encouraged – Mr Pincher's book, which first broached the suspicion that Sir Roger Hollis, former Director-General of MI5, had been a Soviet double agent.

From the summary agreed yesterday, it is evident that the two intelligence services knew that Mr Pincher was writing the book fully two months before Sir Robert admitted in evidence – and that even at that early stage they had a synopsis of it.



Mr Turnbull: his moment of triumph

When the hearing started, Sir Robert – who subsequently admitted more than once misleading the court – said that he had first become aware of the existence of the book "about February 1981".

He was asked: "Did anyone else in the service of the Government know in late 1980 that Pincher was writing the book about Hollis?"

He replied: "Not to my knowledge."

However, the summary of documents released yesterday shows that a letter from MI6(D) to MI6, dated December 15, 1980, "indicates that the writer had been informed that Chapman Pincher intended to publish in February or March 1981, a book about the security service, a synopsis of which was enclosed".

The summary adds the following: "It was generally agreed in the security and intelligence services that there would be no point in trying to encourage specific deletions or changes in the text, but no reasons are expressed for this view."

It goes on: "The manuscript was first read in February 1981 when it appeared that much of the information in it had come from former (intelligence) officers."

On the question of why no action was taken to restrain publication, the summary says: "By March 12, 1981 several sources had been identified, but it was stated in writing by an officer of the service to Sir Robert Armstrong that the service was a long way from obtaining hard, useable evidence on sources."

It adds: "Sir Robert Armstrong and the Home Office learned of the fact that information contained in the book would have come from former members of the security and intelligence services on or about February 12, 1981. The documents do not show when the Prime Minister or the Home Secretary learned of these matters."

On the reasons why the authorities took no steps to stop Mr Wright's television interview in July 1984, in which he first stated publicly his suspicions about Sir Roger Hollis, the summary says: "The view was expressed that, if a preview was refused, going for an injunction would undoubtedly be a hard fight and if a preview was agreed the Government could be put in the position of appearing to have approved it whether or not it asked for cuts."

It was Mr Turnbull's moment of triumph.

The hearing is due to resume on Monday for the start of final submissions.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.15 CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Simon Rattle cond. Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich piano

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Die Fledermaus. Tomor 7.30 Last Perf Cav and Pag.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 Stdby info 836 6903 S CC Tickets £1-£22.50/£13.50 Mats (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera) 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Young Apollo/ Beauty and the Beast/ Le baiser de la fée. Ballet casting info. 01 240 9815 Tomor 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Die Zauberflöte.

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THE ARTS

Crowded solitude

We were informed at the beginning of *Diving Caves of Marble* (BBC2) that "Caving is a sport enjoyed by only a few". For the benefit of the millions of people who enjoy watching other people do dangerous things on television, three Yorkshiremen and three Norwegians were going to plunge into a reputedly bottomless pool. Into this pool flows Lake Glomdal, fed by the Swartisen Glacier in northern Norway.

If the six explorers had disappeared into the pool, never to re-emerge, we might think them foolhardy, but we would know they had done something adventurous.

As it was, they were not alone. We were told that they were underground, under water, in total darkness and had no air space above them, but nobody told us who was working the camera. There must have been a camera, for how else could the shots of men swimming along tunnels have been taken?

By this absurd omission, we were denied the pleasure either of thinking that the explorers had done something genuinely exciting – for if so how could they have been filmed? – or of being taken into the programme makers' confidence and learning how it was done.

On Channel 4, Ken Minogue continued his lucid and agreeably unsensational series on *The New Enlightenment*. "One must beware of governments bearing gifts, or as Americans say, there are no free lunches," he summed up at one stage. The point that governments cannot give to special interest groups without taking from people at large was well made, but the phrase "there are no free lunches" struck its usual chill.

I hope these liberal economists do not mean that true liberality is impossible, even for individuals. Do they regard the idea of a free gift as a logical impossibility? Could Professor Minogue ever be given lunch?

Andrew Jimson

Comedy as natural as breathing

THEATRE

When I Was A Girl I Used To Scream And Shout
Whitehall

Since descending out of the blue upon the Bush Theatre two years ago, Sharman Macdonald's immensely talented comedy has blossomed into an award-winning property; and when such a piece makes the transit from fringe to West End there is no point in bewailing its absorption into the star system.

I regret the disappearance of Eleanor David and Celia Imrie, who brilliantly originated Macdonald's two sexually inquisitive innocents. But their roles have now been taken over by the equally gutsy partnership of Julie Walters and Geraldine James. Also, the show remains a Bush production: directed and designed, as before, by Simon Stokes and Robin Don and preserving the two other members of the first cast, Sheila Reid and John Gordon Sinclair.

I am still not sure that the management have done the author a favour by catapulting the piece into the Whitehall as if it were an indestructible chunk of Ayckbourn. There is some irresistible comic writing in *When I Was A Girl*, but its most important quality is that it introduced a new voice as unmistakable as the early novels of Edna O'Brien. Such voices are very rare; and compared with the sound of Macdonald evoking the secret games of a Scottish childhood it hardly mattered that the play was poorly constructed. Two years later, hauled in front of an audience all set to guffaw its way through a laugh-riot about masturbation and Presbyterian hypocrisy, it does matter. A promising discovery now looks like a defective mechanism.

Chris Harris

Comparing notes: Geraldine James and Julie Walters in *When I Was a Girl I Used to Scream and Shout*

When I Was A Girl takes place on a beach where Morag (Reid) has brought her unmarried daughter Fiona for a nostalgic holiday. Morag has some scores to settle with her disappointing child; but no sooner does she start voicing them than Fiona's memory takes possession of the stage. The play thereupon executes a vertical take-off into a high comic zone where childhood and adult life overlap and strike sparks off each other.

The childless Fiona meets her prolifically fertile old friend Vari and back they go to doctor's surgery games with Vari masterfully taking the initiative. The comedy arises as naturally as breathing, from contrasts between manners and what the girls call "dirt".

So far as plot is concerned, though, it all leads up to the moment when the 15-year-old Fiona contrives a pregnancy so as to prevent her mother from remarrying. This occurs half-way through the play, whereupon its comic zest evaporates, leaving a glum second act which leaves a string of unanswered questions.

Macdonald seems to have been setting up a story to show how women entrap and imprison each other. But Fiona, unaccountably, lets her mother off the hook.

Julie Walters, tousle-haired and cheeky, has some brisk pugnacious arguments with God in the second act, but nothing to compare with her guilty games and giggles with James's Vari who, in this production, appears from the start as a girl all set to be swamped in domesticity (the opposite of the original Bush performance).

Irving Wardle

Hey! Luciani
Riverside

Those apparently in the know describe this as a cool play. They may be right about the cool but are far adrift in thinking it a play. What Mark E Smith, of the pop group The Fall, has done is fit his latest songs around incidents connected with the reign and surprise death of Pope John Paul I, Albino Luciani as was. Pope for a month, his death is believed to have been greatly appreciated by those in control of the Vatican funds.

I give you these facts because you will find none of them – and precious few facts at all – in this 100-minute show. The opportunity is lost to write a scorching attack on Catholic capitalist malarky, although the opening looked as if the show would do so.

A strong number on two guitars with a Cardinal (Simon Woolstencroft) on percussion leads into the entrance of Trevor Stuart in a simple white outfit, smiling benignly and looking remarkably like the original.

Geraldine Malloy's set is a perfect preparation with its cartoon Papal balcony and skewed arch at opposite corners of the wide Riverside stage and a cluster of rounded hills between. What villainous bishop, crooked financier or Mafia boss will pop out from behind one of these?

Disappointingly, it is only Michael Clark, more used to ballet audiences, who spins about in long black shorts and breaths a few words about the priesthood. Enter a white-suited villain, Bishop Marcinkus in high heels, Martin Bormann, Amazons in shiny black stretch tights and a lot more disconnected stuff.

Jeremy Kingston

The Bijers Sunbird
Lyric, Hammersmith

Written and directed by South African Robert Kirby, *The Bijers Sunbird* is less a piece of drama and more an attempt to examine differing white South African opposition to apartheid.

Recently captured Afrikaner terrorist Adam Bijers is joined by fellow political detainee Nicholas Coates, a white, liberal trade unionist. Both are committed to the overthrow of the regime but polarized by their respective methods.

In a series of scenes separated by passages from Bach, the two men trade suspicions and accusations. Coates claims that Bijers has sold out to the government in exchange for his life. Bijers discounts this, denegrating the white liberal establishment as "professionally chaste", afraid to dirty their hands.

Coates, who once hero-worshipped Bijers, now adopts the lotus posture, convinced that negotiation is the key. He tells of besting government opposition to the construction of a black township garden by replanting it each time the armed patrols destroy it, until they finally leave the blooms in peace.

As portrayed (too self-consciously) by Sean Taylor, it is the essentially lonely Bijers who reaches out to befriend Coates, offering tips about prison routine and revealing that his fighting days are over.

Because the dialectic never develops beyond stating positions, *The Bijers Sunbird* remains an unresolved intellectual argument. Kirby has not shaped his scenes into a play nor do the actors reach a level of emotional truth.

Beth Porter

CONCERTS

CBSO/Rattle
Town Hall, Birmingham

It was a severe, angular and strenuous Brahms that Simon Rattle offered last night in his performance of the Fourth Symphony. A Brahms seen, perhaps, more in the harsh light of Webern's *Passacaglia* than through his own telescope of Bach and Beethoven. And in many respects it worked.

The simultaneous duple and triple metres of the first movement were maintained as muscled lines to generate a rhythmic tension that moved the music forward in great arcs; and at the centre of this movement there was an unmarked but extraordinarily effective deceleration towards an almost Wagnerian blackness in the sustained chords.

Then again, the excellent ensemble playing of the Birmingham orchestra enabled Rattle to achieve a perfect engineering not only of such tempo changes but also of the music's long dynamic gradations.

What it also made possible was a full hearing of the harmony. The long melody in the slow movement, beautifully sung by the cellos first time round, gained a proper submerged vagueness in its violin transformation, simply because for once all the underlying parts were present at strength. The *passacaglia* theme of the finale was similarly enriched, to become disquieting, as it should be, right from its second bar.

However, it is hard to accept such a lack of plushness in Brahms. Possibly the stark separation of wind and strings was a freak of the Birmingham Town Hall acoustic, and will be ameliorated when this programme is repeated in the Barbican Hall this evening; but certainly Rattle ought to think about moderating his close attention to the staccato and accentuation marks, particularly in the last two movements.

The scherzo, done at a rather deliberate tempo, could be hard-driven without being almost Stravinskian, and some less exacting gestures might allow the finale to gain more flow and thereby more power.

Rattle has long been totally at home with Sibelius, though, and the performance here of the Sixth Symphony – soon to be recorded by this team – was outstanding in realizing the work's exceedingly odd way of starting each movement as if in the middle and then working backwards to something like a useful opening.

Between the symphonies there was a very fluent and often charming account of Mozart's C major concerto K.503 from Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, though wit and surprise were heard more in the accompaniment.

Paul Griffiths

Tension and terror

Usher/Cléopâtre
Christ Church Spitalfields

The Debussy/Edgar Allan Poe collection is little-known and even less exploited in public performance. Yet during the nine years spent by the composer working on his libretto for a one-act opera, *The Fall of the House of Usher*, his nerves were "as taut as the strings of a violin".

Something of that same tension was recreated in a most enterprising attempt by Peter Ash, conducting, and Francisco Negrin, producing, to piece together and stage the unfinished fragments from Juan Annende-Blin's compilation of the music and manuscripts. There could hardly have been a better venue than the dank, shadowy space of Christ Church Spitalfields, with its *vieux murs*, crumbling plaster work and lofty pillars. And there could hardly have been a better cast.

Henry Herford's Roderick was a physical and linguistic tour de force of obsessive fear in his love for his deranged twin sister Madeline (Helen Charnock); Robert Dean was the very model of a Rathbonian Médecin, playing off Rudolph Piernay's stalwart Ami.

Negrin's production, in its pacing and spare, minutely observed body movement, played brilliantly with dialogue, silence and space, just as the Downshire Players of London made the most of the low woodwind writing and string harmonics, the cobweb cymbals and thudding timpani pulse.

Hilary Finch

Goneril is not really evil, says Anna Massey – who'll be playing her at the National Theatre from tonight – she just had the misfortune to have Lear for a father

A woman of a certain rage

Paul Lovelace

Armchair spectator: away from the theatre, Anna Massey takes her cue from snooker

Anna Massey is not commonly associated with evil – still less with snooker. But then our foremost portrayer of that most elusive chameleon of nuance, from the insistently sexual to the disembodiedly scatty – the woman of a certain age – is full of surprises. Tonight, at the National's Olivier Theatre, she is appearing as that celebrated infamous sister who prompted her husband to declare that "Proper deformity shows not in the fiend / So horrid as in woman."

In the months to come, many nights spent playing Goneril to Anthony Hopkins's Lear will be rounded off by settling down to watch bow-tied men bent double to poke a ball, with a rootlessness almost as surgical as that which struck the whites of Gloucester's eyes. A long-time avid viewer of tennis on television, she became a devotee of snooker when she found that it was so often the only thing there was to watch after returning from the theatre.

Of course, Anna Massey has played women with a touch of evil, such as Mrs Danvers in the television production of *Rebecca*, before. Normally, however, her character's experience evil as victims, most notably in her two most famous film appearances. In Hitchcock's *Frenzy* she was strangled and dumped like – and with – a sack of potatoes. In Michael Powell's *Peeping Tom* – once reviled as a voyeuristic abomination, now rightly acclaimed by Scorsese and others as a brilliant work – she had the misfortune to fall in love with a psychopathic cameraman who filmed women while spiking them to death with his tripod.

Anna Massey, however, does not see Goneril and Regan as purely evil: "The test is not to treat the two sisters as witches but to give them very strong clear motivation, which – if you delve into the text – you can find." She also regards Goneril as "a victim, a terrible victim of being a child of Lear".

This understanding of the character is perhaps prompted by her relationship with her own father, the formidable actor Raymond Massey who was separated from her mother, Adrianne Allen, when Anna was a baby. Her encounters with her father were rare and awe-inspiring: "I was almost as frightened of him as a Lear."

Apart from some radio work, this is her first Shakespearian part since she played Ophelia "abominably" in rep. She has found the experience very enjoyable: "*Lear* is probably the greatest tragedy ever written, but I can't tell you how much fun we've had." The director, David Hare, has encouraged the cast to approach the play as an ensemble piece and with the designer Hayden Griffin seems to have come up with something of a surprise the setting and look of the play – Massey, however, would go no further on that score than saying that it was not the leather-look of Peter Brook's *Lear* nor anything to do with furs.

Hare is a director whom she greatly admires. "David creates the most wonderful atmosphere. It's very hard work but very entertaining and stimulating." She is very entertaining and stimulating herself, with a keen intelligence and sharp wit – even if, unlike Goneril, she has "never been able to pun".

Though not formally well-educated she is very widely read. When we spokeshe was on the point – rehearsals and the snooker notwithstanding – of finishing Proust. Her quickness, she admits, does result in a certain impatience. She does, however, seem to have more patience with directors than some of her profession.

She greatly enjoyed working with Hitchcock, whom she found a charming "cuddly-bear" despite him asking her to pad her brassiere and insisting on using a body double for the nude scenes. Working for Powell, though, seems to have been less enjoyable. She had given birth to her son not long before shooting began and fainted on the set while filming the terrifying denouement during which she discovers that her boyfriend's home movies are not so homely.

With her family background, it is no surprise that Massey became an actor. She began acting at 17 – before her brother Daniel. "I thought the decision had been somewhat thrust on me by my environment. I left school utterly ill-equipped for decision-making.

"When I got to my late twenties and early thirties I got this terrible depression when I thought I didn't really want to act. But then I realized that quite honestly I wasn't equipped to do anything else, so I had might as well shut up and get on with it."

Thankfully for our enjoyment she has been getting on with it happily ever since, whether as an award-winning Miss Prism in the National production of *The Importance of Being Ernest*, or as Gwen John in Elaine Morgan's moving television study of the painter, or as Edith Hope in the BBC's production of Anita Brookner's *Hotel Du Lac*, a project she helped to set up.

One advantage, she says, in working in the theatre, rather than in television or film, is that she's not able to see herself perform. "It's agony having to face up to what you look like and sound like." She also likes working with an audience. "Actors and sportsmen have to embrace the audience or the spectators. You've got to like them." The problem with McEnroe, she explains is that unlike Leconte or "Goggles" – as she calls Dennis Taylor – he resents the people watching him.

Very few people resent watching Anna Massey, but it will be interesting to observe the reaction of the audience now that she plays a character opposed to a poor Tom rather than peeping one. She says that in comedy the best performance does not always get the most laughs. Her Goneril might not get laughs but it is likely to get a little more sympathy and understanding.

Andrew Hislop

DANCE

Arc Dance Company
The Place

Kim Brandstrup deserves credit for trying to use good modern music as the basis of his dances, even though the most successful work of the four he showed at The Place last night was the slightest.

This was *I Want, I Want*, a six-minute dance for three people to music by Talking Heads, in which Cathy Burge eventually succeeded in replacing Concha de Izaca as the incubus around Ron Howell's neck.

The most ambitious piece was a treatment of *Les Noces* for seven dancers. Brandstrup has managed to make a very chic package of it and in spite of limited resources he provides some kind of parallel to the original libretto, even if both partners to the marriage have to make do with the one set of parents.

Putting the dancers in evening dress (white ties for the men) adds to the glamour, although here and elsewhere during the evening the effect is subverted by the condition of the men's shoes and by retaining the modern-dance cliché of bare feet for the women.

Brandstrup includes a few quotations from Nijinski's choreography in his dances as a hint to the knowing; that helps make clear what might otherwise seem a confusing sequence of action.

But this is, in the end, only a superficial response to Stravinsky's profound music, played from a recording which sounded as if it could be Ansermet's.

There was another Stravinsky score in the programme, the concert suite from *The Soldier's Tale*, used as the basis of a markedly enigmatic narrative, with some extra characters from the usual version.

More successful was *Stardoom*, meant as a tribute to the Hollywood choreographer Jack Cole and performed to music by Charles Mingus, plus some meaningful pauses between numbers.

Like Brandstrup's other works, it showed an ambition beyond his ability, but that is better than its opposite.

John Percival

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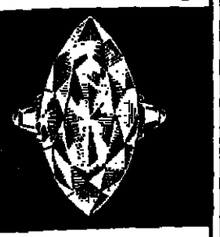
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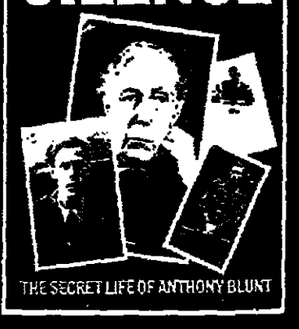
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THE TIMES PROFILE

BHADRA RANCHOD

Professor Bhadra Ranchod gave a tea party on Saturday to say farewell to friends and colleagues before taking up his post as South Africa's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the European Community in Brussels.

It was a rather grand affair, in the Grill Room of the Royal Hotel where, in the not-so-distant past, Professor Ranchod suffered the humiliation of being ejected from a restaurant because of his colour.

The American and British consuls were there, as were colleagues from the academic world – Professor Ranchod occupies the chair of private law at the University of Durban-Westville in Natal. But it was mainly an occasion for Indian friends of Dr Ranchod and his attractive wife, Vibha, to say goodbye to a local son made good. As the cucumber sandwiches and chocolate cakes circulated, guests extolled the qualities of the first non-white to represent the country as an ambassador.

Since Professor Ranchod's appointment was announced in September, the government has also appointed Dr Frank Quint, a mixed-race (coloured) member of the President's Council, a multi-racial advisory body as Ambassador to the Netherlands.

It was only in 1982 that Pretoria sent its first non-white diplomat abroad at any level. Now, in addition to the two ambassadors, there are two Indians and a coloured serving in South Africa House in London, an Indian in Canberra and a coloured in Ottawa. But no diplomat has been recruited from South Africa's blacks, who comprise 72 per cent of the population.

Many younger Indians say Professor Ranchod's acceptance of the Brussels post has made him as much of a "collaborator" as the coloured and Indian members of parliament. He has been burnt in effigy on the mainly-Indian campus of Durban-Westville, and denounced by the Indian congresses of Transvaal and Natal, which are affiliates of the United Democratic Front, the broad multi-racial alliance of anti-apartheid organizations regarded as the most radical above-ground opposition to the government.

However, many older Indians see the appointment as an honour for a community which, although relatively privileged in South Africa's finely calibrated racial hierarchy, suffers from a slight identity problem – resented by the black majority as "fat cats" (though many are, in fact, very poor), yet not wholly accepted by whites and subject to many of the indignities of apartheid.

Delicate mission: South Africa's first non-white ambassador steps in

The Indian community, about 900,000 people or 2.8 per cent of the population, was not recognized as a permanent part of the South African population until 1961. Previously, repatriation to India had been the policy of the ruling National Party, and is still favoured by its extreme right-wing offshoot, the Herstigte Nasionale Party.

The slightly less fanatical Conservative Party would allow Indians to stay in South Africa, but would confine them to a "reserve" or "homeland", similar to the areas set aside for the black tribal groups.

Most ambassadors find themselves at odds with their own governments occasionally, but there can be few in Professor Ranchod's position – representing a government under which, on grounds of skin colour alone, he can neither vote for nor belong to the ruling party; subject to laws that require him to seek a permit if he wants to live in a white area; scorned by many of his own people as a government stooge. Why accept such a poisoned chalice?

"South Africa is a country in a state of transition," Professor Ranchod, a small, softly-spoken man, said when I spoke to him on the eve of his departure. "I have been offered an opportunity to assess the prospect of effecting change in South Africa with the co-operation of those countries with which we have our closest cultural, political and economic links." He offered a historical parallel: "At the time that India was still under British rule there were Indians who served in various capacities."

We were talking in his Durban hotel room as his wife and their two small daughters, Rita and Priya, clattered about in a last-minute frenzy of packing: "I do not see it as my task to sell the government's policy. I certainly have no intention of defending apartheid. I think all apartheid laws must go."

Professor Ranchod believes, with some passion, that European governments can best help to promote human rights and political change in South Africa by remaining economically involved in the country. He thinks there is just a chance that EEC governments, businessmen and opinion formers, will be more impressed if they hear this from a brown face.

"If we are to move towards equal opportunity in South Africa, we need a massive inflow of capital to reduce the enormous backlog of under-development that has accumulated over the years. If most of the people are unemployed and have no hope for the future, the conflict will be heightened, which in turn will increase the unwillingness of those who have power to share it."

Dr Ranchod goes to Brussels at a time when the Pretoria government, after a more outward-looking phase, has retreated into the laager and seems to be drawing the wagons into an ever-tighter circle. Only days before his departure, Pretoria shot down what had looked like one of the more promising political initiatives – the proposal by a multi-racial constitutional conference, or *indaba*, for a multi-racial, one-man, one-vote, provincial government in Natal. "I hope it's not their last word on the subject", said Dr Ranchod.

"There are those who say that you can't solve South Africa's problems piecemeal. But if there isn't a final blueprint available or practicable, then I think you have to keep chipping away. Those regions where people are prepared to live together and enjoy equal rights should be allowed to go their own way. I was attracted particularly by the *indaba's* proposal for a bill of rights."

Dr Ranchod's grandfather came to South Africa from Gujerat in 1910, and settled as a trader in Port Elizabeth. He was part of the wave of Indian immigration that began around 1860 and ended in 1913, when the entry of any new immigrants other than the wives and children of those Indians already settled in South Africa was prohibited.

Most of the early Indian settlers were recruited from southern India to work as contract labourers on the Natal sugar plantations, railways and coal mines. After five years they were free to hire out their services on the labour market.

The Ranchods were among the later group of middle-class immigrants, sometimes called "passenger Indians", who were mostly Muslims from Gujerat (though the Ranchods are Hindus) and who came to South Africa independently, to trade. The family of Dr Ranchod's wife also came from Gujerat, from the coastal town of Porbandar, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi, to whom she is related through her grandmother.

Gandhi spent 21 years in South Africa as a young lawyer, campaigning for Indian rights, before he returned to India to take on the British Raj with notably more success. Dr Ranchod will need all the Mahatma's legendary patience and negotiating skills if he is to turn the anti-South African tide while he is in Brussels.

Michael Hornsby

BIOGRAPHY

1944: Born Port Elizabeth, one of nine children.
1969: Law degree, University of Cape Town.
1972: Doctorate of Law, Leiden University, Holland. Research at Queen's College, Cambridge, for thesis on South African law of defamation.
1973: Advocate of Supreme Court, Cape Province.
1974: Chair in Private Law, Durban-Westville University.
1976-79: Dean of Faculty of Law.
1980-81: Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School. Guest lecturer Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania; and Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow, London.

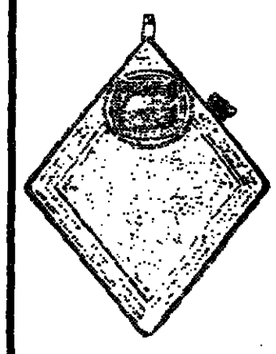
Going, going, where?

A unique English medieval jewel will be auctioned today. Can it be kept in Britain?

A gold locket dating from Richard III's time, and found last year near a castle which belonged to him, goes under the hammer at Sotheby's today. Experts on medieval jewellery have described the Middleham Jewel as one of the most important examples of medieval goldsmith's work to have survived. But they fear it may be sold abroad.

Efforts are under way to prevent this, but if a British buyer fails to secure it at auction (the estimated price is between £200,000 and £300,000), museums in this country might find it hard to match its price, which they would have to do to prevent the issue of an export licence.

Financial incentives exist to encourage owners to offer treasures of this kind to



Golden: the Middleham Jewel

British collections by "private treaty", but the jewel is owned by its three finders and the owner of the land, and unless joint owners all agree to it, private treaty sale is impossible.

"It should be in a British national collection, without doubt," says Mr Ronald Lightbown, Keeper of Metalwork at the Victoria and Albert Museum. "Together with the Dunstable swan-badge in the British Museum it is the most important of English medieval jewels".

About the size of a matchbox, the locket is delicately engraved with a nativity scene on one side and the trinity on the other, with a border of saints and a ring at the top for a chain. It carries an inscription which is partly a line from the Latin Mass, partly a spell in garbled dog-Greek. A bulging kingfisher-blue sapphire is fixed to one side, as bright as ever after 500 years in the dark.

The jewel was discovered a year ago near Middleham Castle, Yorkshire, by Mr Ted Seaton, hunting with two friends for treasure with a metal detector.

"It was a very bad day, and they had decided to give up," says Mrs Vera Seaton, the finder's wife. "When he found it he thought it was just a lady's compact and threw it into the bag of bits of rubbish.

"While he was getting off his wet clothes, I threw the stuff into a bucket of water to steep. This came up bright and beautiful as soon as I washed it."

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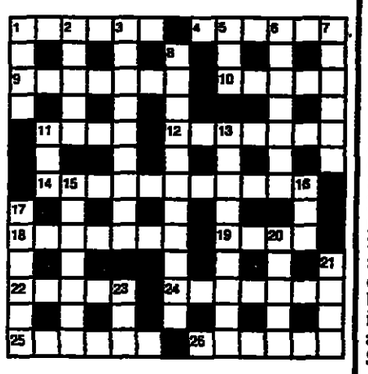

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With crucial Westland figures out today, **Peter Davenport** looks at the helicopter company's future

A prayer for upward mobility

In the centre of the vast erecting shop at the Westland factory at Yeovil in Somerset, helicopter PP1 is still in her pale yellow primer paint, surrounded by scaffolding and swarmed over by men with drills, files and bundles of blueprints. Her maiden flight is due next May, with an appearance at the Paris Air Show the following month.

Eric Newsham, one of the foremen in charge of the team working to produce the first of the new EH101 models, is celebrating his thirtieth year with the company, the last of them the most traumatic. "Everyone here knows what this helicopter means to the company", he says. "We are all praying for its success. After all we have been through in the last year we feel now that we are about to do something. The future hinges on the success of this aircraft."

The long term prospects for Westland helicopters may indeed look rosy. Up to 800 orders worldwide, valued at around £8 billion, are expected for the EH101, developed jointly with the Italian firm Agusta. But there are serious short-term problems which threaten further turmoil, more redundancies and, at worst, the very ability of the division to survive as an indigenous design and manufacturing company.

'Future is hinged on the success of one aircraft'

Throughout last winter and spring the affairs of Westland dominated the headlines. The financial reconstruction necessary to rescue the company from the brink of receivership developed into a political controversy that claimed the front-bench careers of two Cabinet ministers, leaving the Government bruised and the workforce bewildered.

Today the company's first full financial results since the link-up with United Technologies Corporation of the United States and Fiat of Italy will be revealed. In his interim report in June, the chairman, Sir John Cuckney, predicted that the trends would continue to improve.

Westland is at pains to emphasize that the company consists of four divisions, which include successful aerospace and technology concerns, and that the reconstruction plan was aimed at diversifying the industrial base.

But the problems for the helicopter divison, which employs about 6,400 of the 10,500 Westland workforce, will come at the end of next year when existing order books dry up. There will be a three-year delay before the expected order from the Ministry of Defence for more than 125 EH101 helicopters worth around £600 million.

To fill the gap, the company needs the MoD to place orders either for the Sikorsky Black Hawk, which it is allowed to manufacture under the UTC deal, as a replacement for the RAF's ageing fleet of Wessex machines, or to bring forward the date for supply of the EH101. The first Black Hawk from the United States is being assembled at Yeovil and will be used as a demonstrator but there are no definite orders yet.

There is a feeling that if the Government is intent on treating Westland as a purely private sector firm then Westland does not intend to bankroll an ordering policy which does it no favours; in short it will not use funds to endlessly prop up a manufacturing division merely in the expectation of eventual orders when it is firmly confident that it can make a financial success in its other fields.

Mr Donald Berrington, managing director of the Westland helicopter division, hopes that significant orders can be found, either from the Ministry of Defence or the export markets, to carry the company through the production gap. Ideally he would like orders that could be activated quickly without extensive development programmes. A government decision to buy the Black Hawk, or the company's Lynx 3 model, would fit the bill. The added benefit of a ministry order would be to encourage the export potential of the chosen machine.

It is emphasized that there is no prospect of another Westland financial crisis. Reports that the Government was considering an approach to British Aerospace to take over the troubled helicopter and support divisions to carry it over the lean period until the 1990s were ridiculed by Sir John Cuckney.

But Westland's workers are worried that a lack of orders from the end of next year could force the company to make substantial redundancies among a highly-trained and specialized workforce, leaving it in no position to take up the expected orders for the EH101.

Hugh Stewart, group chief executive, says: "We are now more optimistic and more aggressive in tackling our problems. There is a real cutting edge in the place but it is true that there is a pocket within the helicopter division where there is real concern about job prospects.

"We are not misleading the men. They know we are fighting hard, but in their shoes you would expect them to show concern. What we need are orders and the sooner the better."

Graham Wood

On the line: Westland boss Donald Berrington, hoping more orders will land in his lap

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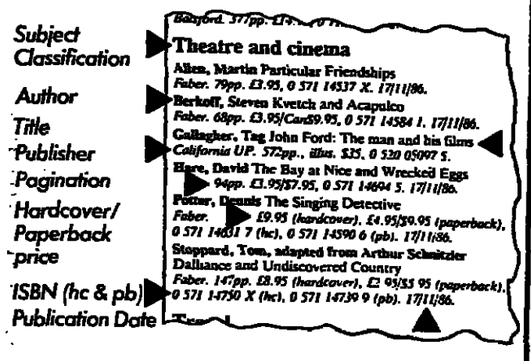

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Believe it or not: Adam and Eve to bent spoons

David Jones on the science and pseudo-science to please or to pull legs in Xmas stockings

THE BLIND WATCHMAKER
By Richard Dawkins
Longman, £12.95

Beliefs come in several varieties. There are the rational or scientific, believed because there are grounds for thinking that they *may* be true: such as that grass is green, or air contains 21 per cent of oxygen. There are the technological, believed because they "work": such as that holding your hands under the tap long enough makes the water run hot. There are the fashionable or sectarian, believed as a mark of tribal solidarity, like the creeds of innumerable religious sects and political ideologies. And there are the personally comforting, like belief in lucky charms or Father Christmas.

All the books in this review concern belief at its various levels. Dawkins's *The Blind Watchmaker* defends belief in the Darwinian theory of evolution, which these days is quite unpopular in non-scientific circles. More than half of American university students accept the story of Adam and Eve, would you believe; and caring left-wing ideologues have it in for Darwin to a man. After all, his theory holds that people differ from one another! Worse, the differences give some people an unfair advantage over others, and these advantages can be inherited by their children – in flat contradiction to the requirements of equality, social justice, and the abolition of hereditary privilege. Such a wicked theory cannot possibly be true, or if it is it shouldn't be.

Dawkins takes this Darwinian mechanism, the inheritance of small mutational variations each of immediate value to its owner, and proceeds to demonstrate that it (and it alone) is competent to explain the enormous diversity of living things in all their extremes of complexity and specialization. It is brilliant exposition, tightly argued but kept readable by plentiful recourse to analogies and examples. I particularly liked the account of the African widowbird, the male of which sports a huge tail "like an aeroplane with a long advertising streamer". Indeed, that's just what it is. A self-fuelling sexual-selection mechanism has trapped the males into elaborating this unwieldy sign of their masculinity, and the females into desiring it.

The Blind Watchmaker shows what a convincing scientific argument looks like: it is popular science at its best. An invigorating minor theme is provided by the sideswipes that Dawkins hands out to creationists, erring colleagues, misguided interlopers from other sciences, and the media that gleefully misreport their muddleheaded musings. Highly recommended.

● **The Monkey Gland Affair**, by David Hamilton *(Chatto & Windus, £11.95)* recounts the story of a technological belief, generously laced with wishful thinking. In the early years of this century, it seemed likely that the waning vigour of elderly men was due to the declining functioning of their testicles, and might be reversed by implanting new ones. Human donors, however, could not be expected to volunteer in profusion. Hence *The Monkey Gland Affair*.

The chief exponent of this operation was the Russian-French surgeon Serge Voronoff. His donors were poor young chimpanzees; his recipients wealthy elderly men. Dozens of patients clamoured to be rejuvenated, and Voronoff became famous. His high point was perhaps 1925, when he rejuvenated the ageing premier of Turkey. For the operation worked! Voronoff's clients regularly reported renewed energy and sexual enthusiasm, and several other surgeons took up his methods. Yet it was all nonsense. Slowly it became clear that testicular hormones have no rejuvenating power, and animal transplants are always immediately rejected, leaving only scar tissue. All concerned were deceiving themselves.

Hamilton tells the story in careful detail, resisting the temptation to play it for laughs. Self-delusion is an ever-present hazard in medicine, which characteristically advances by trial and error well ahead of coherent theory. The only villain of the piece is an amazing quack, J.R. Brinkley, who took over the small town of Milford in Kansas with a goat-testicle transplant hospital, and founded a radio-station to spread his fame. When the regulatory authorities at last began to catch up with him, many of his clients rallied to his defence! The whole story is a testimonial to that curse and blessing of all medicine, the placebo effect.

● **The Geller Effect**, by Uri Geller and Guy Lyon Playfair *(Cape, £10.95)* is also permeated with wishful thinking. It's Geller's own account of his career since 1976. He swans around the world leaving a trail of distorted cutlery, hobnobbing with the high and mighty, psychically stopping and starting assorted mechanisms, and receiving vast sums from military and industrial figures for various occult services. He writes with an artlessness and touching confidence that the slightest coincidence in his affairs is evidence of psychic forces.

But behind this confidence, Geller is oddly evasive. He declines to pit his powers against laboratory tests tight enough to preclude cheating. He is remarkably incurious about whether those who paid him to locate gold or oil or hidden tunnels actually found anything where he told them to dig. The one convincing non-laboratory test – the ability consistently to win money in games of chance or prediction run by professional gambling establishments – he gave up after one success, and threw away the evidence.

Geller's powers are enthusiastically supported by Lyon Playfair, who also has little notion of what counts as proof or evidence or probability. His main argument is

the need for magic in the modern world, and the masses of eager fans who have welcomed the occult into their lives as a result of Geller's career. So what that Geller is an accomplished stage conjuror? So what that he needs to generate a distracting level of chaos and confusion before his psychic powers can work? So what that James Randi, scourge of the psychics, can replicate the whole Geller repertoire by standard conjuring methods?

Astral projectionists, pyramid-power freaks, flying saucerers, astrologists, mumbo-jumbo freaks, and more than half of American university students will welcome this additional collection of nice things to believe. The rest of us may prefer to ask Father Christmas for something else.

Lives of our time in print

Glyn Daniel

CAITLIN
A Warring Absence
By Caitlin Thomas with George Tremlett
(Secker & Warburg, £20.95)

George Tremlett, now settled in Laugharne and running an antiquarian bookshop there, has for years been urging Caitlin Thomas to write the full story of her life with Dylan. Now married to Giuseppe Fazio and living in Catania, her *Leftover Life to Kill* (1957) was a great disappointment; for 30 years since his death in 1953 she has refused to discuss their marriage with any of his many biographers. In 1984 she changed her mind and allowed Tremlett to record 50 hours of interviews. He has now rearranged and edited the quarter of a million words into the 85,000 words of this book, agreed by Caitlin line by line. The result is a remarkable book: brutally frank and often painfully revealing, which makes all other biographies of the great and gifted poet out of date.

Here, at last, we have Caitlin's account of those tumultuous 27 years from 1936 to 1953. It is a story of two desperately unhappy people seeking for a happiness they never found, always protesting they loved each other, but living out a love-hate relationship which was approaching final breaking point before Dylan's fourth American tour and tragic death. It is a tale of passion and tenderness, lechery and lying, drunkenness and debauchery, infidelities and infelicities, quarrels and cruelties. Caitlin is explicit in recording her love life: raped by Augustus John, in love with his son Caspar, she declares that she never had an orgasm in all her years with Dylan. "That lies at the heart of our problems," she writes, "our lives were raw, red, bleeding meat." Yet there are, mercifully, moments of comedy in the tragedy of errors: Caitlin's account of her one night non-stand with William Glock in a Cardiff hotel is unbelievably funny.

How was it that Dylan, this weak, feckless, callous, insensitive, impecunious sot, wrote some of the great poems of the century, and the incomparable *Under Milk Wood*? Because Dylan Thomas was a genius, and the grandeur and power of that genius transcended the sordidness of his life, recounted here with bitter sweet memories of the love and hate that he and Caitlin endured for so surprisingly long.

● **The Old School**, by Simon Raven *(Hamish Hamilton, £12.50)*. Simon Raven has already written much about English public schools in his novels and in his book of memoirs, *Shadows on the Grass*; and we turned eagerly to his *The Old School*, because he always writes with wit and candour, but were disappointed. Admittedly the sub-title of the book is "A study in the oddities of the English Public School system"; but, instead of a reasoned and historical account of the development of the system and an analysis of its good and bad points, we are given pictures of individual schools through the eyes of himself, his father, his Uncle Leo, and many friends and acquaintances. Everything is fact, he says, "but from love of disapproval earned at school the quick and fear of the dead I have redeployed some facts and draped others in the camouflage of discretion."

Many of the vignettes are of well-known types – almost cardboard stereotypes – and often far less amusing than the totally unreal types portrayed at St Jim's in *The Gem* and Greyfriars in *The Magnet*, such as Tom Merry, Harry Wharton, Bob Cherry, Frank Nugent, and Billy Bunter. Uncle Leo is the most credible and interesting figure, telling of the politics of school success, the petty rivalries that continue into later life, the that can never be shaken off, and painting a picture of a world in which juvenile homosexuality is rife and a pretty boy is referred to as "a much coveted blond" or "the house tart."

Raven is outspoken and interesting about Roman Catholic public schools where, he says, the only two things that really matter are the Catholic Faith and Chastity. The Catholic Church holds as sinful any sexual act (even within wedlock) which is not

Old School lies

specifically directed towards propagation. "Masturbatory or homosexual amusements, of however mild a kind", writes Raven "are therefore doubly damned: they are all, by definition, both extra-marital and sterile." He says that Catholics in Church of England schools were regarded in his day as "mildly repulsive oddities", whom nobody knowingly tried to seduce "for *fear of priest trouble*" which "the laxer and more lascivious RCs strongly resented."

But already the Old School is out of date. Some Local Education Authorities are, we are told, recommending the legitimate practices of gays and lesbians as normal, and according to *The Good Schools Guide*, published by Harpers and Queen, some boys' boarding schools ask girls to go on the pill before joining their sixth forms. What, I wonder, does the time-honoured phrase "expelled for the usual reason" now mean? Probably, alas, drugs.

Used royals: Fergie fever

Hugo Vickers

CROWNED IN A FAR COUNTRY
By Princess Michael of Kent
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95

In her much publicized book Princess Michael has produced a perfectly competent history of the eight princesses she chose, all of whom are linked at the front in an ingenious family tree. She concentrated on the aspects of these royal ladies' lives that particularly interested her, telling us: "I have deliberately tried to ignore politics and concentrate on the lighter side of their lives."

We have already been informed how strictly the Princess has adhered to her primary sources. However, she has not relied on just one, but many. In the preface to *Largely Fiction* by Eleanor Palffy I recall the phrase: "To steal from one person is plagiarism, from many is research."

The most interesting aspect of the book is what we learn about the author. Truman Capote said that when we speak of others, we speak inadvertently of ourselves. Suddenly I mourned the days when Prince Michael might have been elected King of one of the Balkan countries, with Princess Michael "crowned in a far country" by his side. Surely it would be a popular appointment? I could not resist wondering which of her heroines she would emulate.

● Three Royal Wedding books arrived in a batch this summer, each one advertising the undue haste with which it appeared. Tim Satchell's Royal Romance *(New English Library, £2.50)* was called "a paperback original – the first royal wedding book." Gordon Honeycombe's tv-am Official Celebration of the Royal Wedding *(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £8.95)* declared: "It's the First. It's the Best and It's British" – the latter a dig at Alastair Burnet's The ITN Book of the Royal Wedding *(Michael O'Mara/ITN, £8.95)*, which was published in "less than 72 hours", having sped by helicoptor and a hired 707 to a printer in Barcelona.

Gordon Honeycombe gave the best actual description. It seems he was up early for he began his eight-page summary: "The sun rose at 5.10am..." Thereafter it would appear he was glued to his television, pen in hand. Alastair Burnet, on the other hand, was at a slight disadvantage since he was busy commentating all morning. He ended his morning with a thousand rather magisterial words dropped neatly into pages 105 to 107. In his rush to press we must forgive him Baron Killyeagh (sic), but, alas, in his earlier text he twice referred to Princess Andrew.

Tim Satchell also fell into the Princess Andrew trap. He kicked off with a romantic prologue about the ceremony: "Her left hand entwined in Andrew's right, Fergie drew a short breath..." His last-minute wedding contribution covers ten paperback pages, full of well informed asides. His is certainly a book of revelations, not all of which will make him popular.

The main point of a wedding book is to have beautiful photographs. Considering the speed of production it is right to congratulate all three books on printing all their colour the correct way round. Of the two television books, tv-am is the better printed, while ITV has a better selection of photographs.

● Two late arrivals were Debrett's Book of The Royal Wedding *(Debrett, £8.95)* and Christopher Warwick and Valerie Garner's Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of York *(Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95)*. The Debrett volume is a self-confessed rehash of their Book of The Royal Engagement, with pages 108 to 160 replaced to include coverage of the wedding.

● Warwick has been busy this year. He has also produced Abdication *(Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95)*, which includes a recording of Edward VIII's much broadcast abdication speech. It is a well-written and well-illustrated reappraisal of the dramatic departure of the King 50 years ago (which includes a mouth-watering extract from the unpublished memoirs of the late Lady Iris Mountbatten). He concludes that Mrs Simpson was "no voluptuous seductress, bent on luring her Prince Charming to disaster", and in pages 82 to 84 he investigates further the problems of "the Prince of Wales's confused sexual identity". The more that Warwick complains about writing royal books the better he becomes.

Having a green Xmas

Ruth Stungo

VARIATIONS ON A GARDEN
By Robin Lane Fox
R & L, £10.95

Gardeners experience the passage of time as bringing growth, maturity, and final decay, with the comforting certainty of renewal encapsulated in seed, bulb, and dormant bud. Yet whether we dwell on the cyclical nature of time, or choose to see it as a more directional process, leading either to progress and improvement or to decay, is very much a question of the individual spirit.

Robin Lane Fox's mixture of sound practical advice, enriched with the fruits of his other interests, is one I find particularly satisfying. Who else is there writing today whose pen can give us the down-to-earth detail of margarine pots and clingfilm, and the information that the spears of Alexander's army were made of the wood of a relative of the humble dogwood? Marred only by its rather wishy-washy, curiously captioned pictures, it is particularly useful in giving suggestions as to where particular plants may be purchased.

The book consists of a series of short pieces linked to the four seasons. In spite of the fact that we respond almost instinctively to the seasonal nature of garden activity, as a formula for conveying information it has a major weakness in that only some of the pieces, however interesting, are of relevance at any particular time.

Another book cast firmly in the seasonal mould is Brian Mathew's The Year-Round Bulb Garden *(Souvenir Press, £15.95)*, and he too is somewhat hampered by this framework. He chooses to organize his information in terms of the flowering season of the particular bulbs he is dealing with: one is left with the horrid suspicion that we distracted amateurs would never remember to plant them at the appropriate time.

It would be worth the effort, for bulbs are such a satisfactory form of plant life: little power houses, half the work having been done before you even plant them. The illustrations, many of less familiar species, have you reaching for the catalogues; and the author writes well.

To Christopher Bricknell and Fay Sharman time passing represents plant species lost or threatened. The Vanishing Garden *(John Murray, £15)* sets out to alert gardeners to the dangers facing many species, and to suggest methods of preventing their further decline. It is a curious, strangely disjointed book: a rather pedestrian restatement of the very worthy reasons why efforts must be made to conserve, which somehow fails to arouse the enthusiasm.

Someone you cannot fault on style is Penelope Hobhouse. Her latest book Private Gardens of England *(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20)* is both a descriptive essay in celebration of the living vitality of English garden design, and an analysis of what it is that gives it its overall quality. The gardens she has chosen are privately owned, and private, secluded places made with time and attention, where the spirit may find refreshment.

Her exceptional ability to guide you round an unknown garden in a way that creates a strong, three-dimentional awareness, and in a few words to capture the salient features of the year's plant growth, is a rare gift. She is able to convey something of great importance about the gardens she is describing: she seems to capture in her words the sense of the movement and direction, the underlying structure and relationships that contribute to the composure of a great garden. Great credit too must be given to Hugh Palmer's extraordinary photographs. These do not illustrate the text, but add to and enrich it with new insight, telling a story of their own. Two outstandingly clever pairs of eyes at work here.

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Lording it still

Relations between Mrs Thatcher and Neil Kinnock may be at an all-time low, but when it comes to putting the Alliance in its place they can still jog along. SDP and Liberal members were fuming yesterday after learning unofficially that Kinnock and the Prime Minister had agreed that she should recommend to the Queen that no new Alliance "working peers" be created. Six Tories and five Labour party members can, however, look forward to taking the ermine. "It's another carve-up between the two so-called main parties," says David Steel. The Liberals claim that of more than 100 peers created under Mrs Thatcher, only seven have taken the Liberal whip. To add insult to injury, yesterday's news came on the day a memorial service was held for Lord Crawshaw – the only SDP working peer ever created – who died in the summer.

● **Driving through Southend the other day, I passed a French restaurant called La Poubelle. *Poubelle?* Dustbin, trash can. Southend should be told.**

Getting the bird

The ruling Labour group on Hammersmith and Fulham council, which annually gives £500,000 to the Lyric theatre, will not be contributing to the current success of South African Robert Kirby's anti-apartheid play *Bijer's Sunbird*. They are boycotting it because they feel the production comes under the United Nations resolution banning the import of South African culture. Though the Lyric will not be getting its hands on the Labour members' coppers, at least the Labour group booted out a motion by local anti-apartheid leader Steve Parry to suspend its grant.

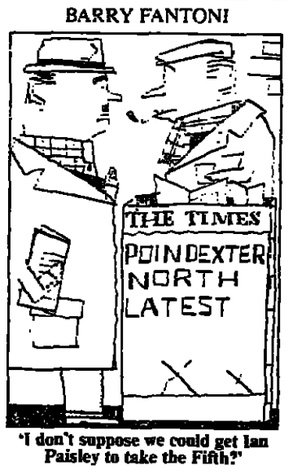
Race related

Brian Sparks, the Notting Hill police chief being investigated for an alleged racist remark, has not spent all autumn on sick leave. After my paragraph about him last week I received a call from an officer Sparks had recently interviewed for possible membership of the Met's new Territorial Support Group. Somewhat odd this, since one of the group's principal tasks will be to enter racially charged conflagrations of the Broadwater Farm type. Scotland Yard says it is usual for officers who face disciplinary charges but have not been suspended to perform their usual duties.

Caught napping

It will take time for Mike Gatting to live down his lie-in last Saturday that almost held up the start of the day's play against Victoria. As the plane carrying the England cricketers left Melbourne for Adelaide, the stewardess followed her list of safety procedures with the request: "Would passengers please speak quietly during the flight as Mike Gatting is trying to sleep."

BARRY FANTONI



'I don't suppose we could get Ian Paisley to take the Fifth?'

Pass . . .

Age is a delicate matter; royal protocol undoubtedly includes guidelines on the subject. However, I fancy Princess Alexandra went a trifle overboard when shaking hands with Edith Kirton at Lancaster University last week. The occasion was the completion of her doctoral thesis on the French playwright Jacques Audiberti. The princess completed her brief exchange by inquiring: "Are you thinking of taking up teaching now?" Dr Kirton is 78.

More, to be sure

Brandon Book Publications continues to be a shillelagh in Whitehall's side. Immediately after overturning an injunction against the sale in the Irish Republic of Joan Miller's *One Girl's War*, it publishes a book by Sinn Feiner Gerry Adams. *The Politics of Irish Freedom* was launched yesterday at a party in the Falls Road.

Roll on

The Advertising Standards Authority has upheld a complaint about a "degrading" ad for Scandinavian kitchens illustrated by a woman clad only in apron and chef's cap. I am now determined to write to the ASA about a recent Havana cigar ad which read: "I've forgotten where we went to dinner. I've even forgotten the name of the girl. But the cigar was definitely Montecristo." There's been nothing like it since Kipling's "a woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

PHS

How Edward could have been awkward

by John Grigg

Today is the 50th anniversary of the abdication of Edward VIII. It may or may not have been "the greatest news story since the Resurrection" (as H.L. Mencken called it), but it certainly benefited rather than damaged the monarchy and never posed any threat to the constitution. For this Edward deserves more credit than he has ever received.

By giving up the throne for love he added yet another fairy-story motif to a tradition that thrives on romance. And by acting strictly on the advice of his ministers, and going like a lamb when they told him that Mrs Simpson could not be Queen or even his morganatic wife, he made sure that there was no constitutional crisis.

Had he been a different sort of man he might have faced Baldwin with a challenge to which there would have been no easy answer, and possibly no answer at all. I am not thinking of the idea of a King's Party which Churchill, from largely self-interested motives, would have liked him to promote. If he had made the attempt of appealing over the heads of Cabinet and Parliament, there might have been large demonstrations in his favour, and public opinion here and in the Dominions would have been divided; but in the end, surely, he would have lost.

The King's Party game would have been a disastrous one to play, and Edward was quite right to have nothing to do with it, in his own interest no less than in the interests of the state. But a far subtler game was open to him, by which he might have achieved the result he desired without committing any technical breach of the constitution. The key moves had been plotted for him, by chance, in Bernard Shaw's last great play, *The Apple Cart* (1929), in which an imaginary King of England, Magnus, imposes his will upon a Labour cabinet by threatening to abdicate and then stand as parliamentary candidate for Windsor.

Let us suppose that Edward, in reply to Baldwin's "advice", had taken the following line: "All right, Prime Minister, I understand the position perfectly. According to you, it is out of the question for me to marry Mrs Simpson and remain King. In that case – since I wouldn't dream of renouncing her – I have no choice but to abdicate, and shall of course do so without delay.

"But it is only fair to tell you that I shall insist upon becoming a private citizen, with none of the privileges of royalty but all the rights of ordinary citizenship. And, since I am very concerned about the state of the country at the moment, I shall feel it my duty to take an active part in politics.

"That being so, the proper, constitutional course will be to seek election to the House of Commons. I am entirely opposed to Oswald Mosley's style of extra-Parliamentary politics. No doubt a by-election will crop up before long – perhaps (who knows?) in my home constituency of Windsor – and I will enter my name for the contest.

"Having so recently been sovereign, I should think it incorrect to join a party. I intend, therefore, to stand as an Independent, but shall hope to attract considerable support from established politicians in all parties, as well as from the public at large.

"As you know, I already have friends in politics – Mr Churchill and Mr Lloyd George, to mention only two. I believe, also, that my views on unemployment will appeal to voters on the left, while my background alone may count for something with right-wing voters.

"So it seems that, even if you adhere to the advice you are now giving me, I may still have the pleasure of dealing with you at close quarters in future. Though we shall no longer be meeting as prime minister and sovereign, we may have plenty of opportunity to meet as fellow parliamentarians."

That, surely, would have given Baldwin abundant food for thought. He would have been quick to realize how dangerous Edward Windsor, MP, could be – not, indeed, to the constitution, but to himself. His only defence against the course of action outlined by the King would have been to introduce legislation compelling him to remain royal and, therefore, ineligible for the House of Commons.

But the King could very effectively have protested against such treatment, knowing that it would be generally regarded as unfair and mean-minded. In demanding to become a private citizen he would have had a thoroughly popular cause; and the Commons, seeing how popular it was, would probably have been most reluctant to pass Baldwin's disabling law.

In the circumstances Baldwin might have felt obliged to reconsider his attitude, if not to the idea of Mrs Simpson as Queen, at least to the morganatic proposal. And it is very much on the cards that Edward would then have stayed on the throne, with Wallis as his lawful wife though not, in the full sense, his consort. (In time she might have won enough approval to make her claim to queenly status irresistible).

It did not happen. Edward lacked the necessary political flair, and perhaps also the will to fight. He abdicated while remaining royal, and his wife was then condemned, for the rest of his and her life, to the morganatic status which had earlier been denied her.

Yet the danger that Edward might become a candidate for Parliament was not lost on his successor, who acted swiftly to ensure that it could never be a reality. On the morning of December 11, 1936, the new King George VI spoke about his brother's future status to Sir Claud Schuster, the Lord Chancellor's private secretary.

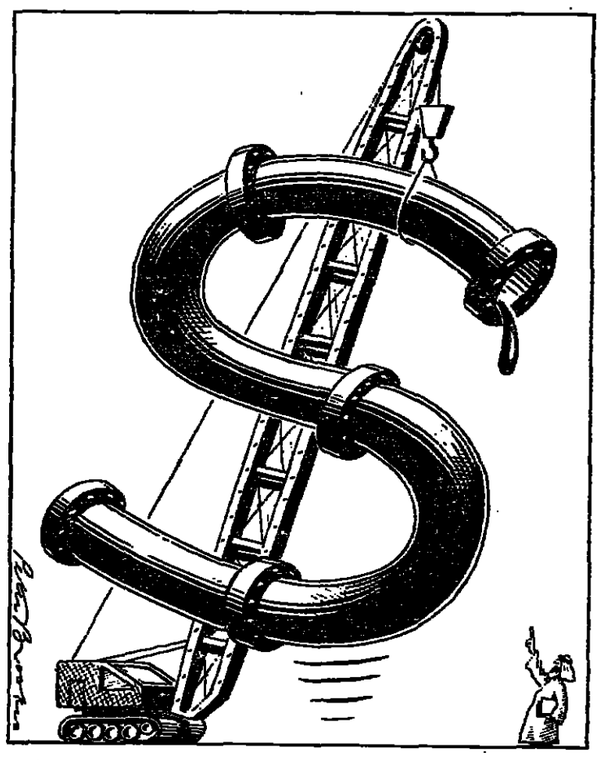
As the King recorded in his diary: "I suggest HRH D of W [indsor] . . . If he ever comes back to this country he can stand & be elected to the H of C. Would you like that ? S replied No." The King's biographer, John Wheeler-Bennett, quotes this most significant entry without explaining how the King came to be so alert and sophisticated on the issue.

He was, if possible, even less likely than his elder brother to have been familiar with the argument of *The Apple Cart*. Somebody, therefore, may have told him about it, or he may just have been showing extreme natural shrewdness. We shall perhaps never know how the idea occurred to him.

What we do know is that Edward became, as the new King wished, HRH the Duke of Windsor, and so forfeited the chance of ever becoming MP for Windsor – or anywhere else.

Ian Smart looks at Opec's problems as it begins a new bargaining round in Geneva

The case for giving oil prices a hoist



Hardly a month has passed this year without some kind of Opec ministerial meeting. With oil prices collapsing, rebounding and then hovering in nervous discomfort, every session has made its own call on the emotions. The temptation under that barrage is to become more cynical about the drama as a whole. *Plus ça change* . . . yet the Opec ministers, gathering once more in Geneva, are reallly facing a crisis.

Most Opec governments are now openly committed to restoring fixed and higher oil prices after months, or even years, of leaving pricing to the market. Most remain committed to quotas allowing them to sell roughly their present amounts. None has proved that those two commitments are compatible in a world where consumers can buy more oil than they want. It follows that at least some Opec governments will have to choose before this latest conference adjourns between raising prices and maintaining output.

Without the rigorous discipline of a true cartel, which is something Opec has never been, sustaining prices by regulating production needs a swing producer: someone who can rapidly increase and decrease production to meet changes in market demand. At their conference in 1983, members decided, in effect, that Opec should play that role for the market as a whole, and Saudi Arabia should play it for Opec.

The rest is familiar. With world demand still falling and non-Opec production still rising, Opec's collective sales dropped by nearly 40 per cent between 1980 and 1985. Saudi output alone slumped from 10.3 million barrels a day to less than 3.8 million. Meanwhile, the non-Opec producers, including Britain, stepped up their output by the same proportion.

By the middle of last year, the strain was again too much, especially for the Saudis. They gave up trying to support prices by acting as everyone's swing producer, and launched a new dual policy instead. Opec would change to defending and then rebuilding its share of the world market, and Saudi Arabia would lead the way by expanding production and abandoning minimum prices.

What followed, inevitably, was this year's price collapse. Lower prices were clearly part of the Saudi game plan, as a means of stimulating demand, undermining non-Opec production and bringing some of the unruly Opec brethren to heel. But prices fell too far, and were rescued in August only by re-imposing revised production quotas.

What seemed more important was that 1986 oil consumption in the OECD should be on course for the largest annual increase since 1978, and Opec production heading for the biggest rise since 1976. Yet the plan and the policy which conjured up that prospect have now been abandoned. The Saudi oil minister, Sheikh Yamani, widely but too glibly identified as their author, has been replaced. His erstwhile colleagues now seek a return to fixed prices based on $18 a barrel while preserving the 1983 quota system. So the Geneva conference is meant to do something Opec has never succeeded in doing before: control prices and output simultaneously.

The technical difficulties are enormous. The formulas being developed for prices and quotas are so cumbersome and open to so many interpretations that rancour seems inevitable. The fact is that current oil demand will not support oil at $18 a barrel for more than a few days unless supply is cut to below its present level.

All in all, with OECD oil consumption growth expected to slow down in 1987, the Opec ministers have only a slim chance of squaring the price-production circle. They will labour long in Geneva, if not always patiently. In the end, however, they are unlikely to emerge with a credible agreement. The sequence of recent decisions – to demand higher prices while refusing lower output, to adopt arcane formulas for regulating both of them, to dismiss Yamani for allegedly challenging the combination – might be classed as suicidal, but that would be to miss the central point about this latest conference.

The real lesson is that there has been restored to primacy not some view of how the world oil market will ultimately behave, but rather a set of more pressing political considerations. Some of the politics are internal to Opec members. But the most substantial factors concern relations within the triangle of large Gulf states: Iran, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

What has marked successive Opec meetings has been the unfamiliar constructiveness of Iran's contributions, the emergence of a working alliance between Iranians and Saudis, and the progressive isolation of Iraq. Such developments cannot be explained by reference only to oil policies, let alone the pure economics of the oil market.

After all, the Iran-Iraq war is not about oil, even if it has recently done as much as anything to hold down oil exports and support prices. Wider international politics, coloured by war, are nevertheless seen to dominate what happens in Opec and the oil market. The Geneva conference will reflect that, not alter it.

Reasserting the primacy of politics does not help Opec ministers' chances of success in tying production and price controls into a single parcel. But it does reduce the risk of public failure, simply by increasing its cost. The most likely outcome of the conference, therefore, is another apparently muddled compromise, probably not lifting prices quite into the $18 bracket, nor keeping Opec's true output at quite its present level, but at least preserving the fragile political balance in the Gulf.

A politically expedient compromise may actually serve most interested parties, importers as well as exporters. Far higher prices or far lower production limits would soon prove intolerable to either the oil market or Opec. Obstinacy in pressing for one or the other would be more likely to set off another bout of instability, or even another price collapse. And that is why politics will militate against such obstinacy.

For the most remarkable change of all in 1986 has been not Opec's somersault but the defection of so many outside who began the year by proclaiming the attractions of rock-bottom oil prices. Defaulting debtors, distressed banks, debilitated energy industries, depressed exchequers: the political and social as well as economic repercussions of another oil price collapse look less and less appealing in either Western Europe or North America.

If one thing can protect Opec's leaders in the days ahead from the worst consequences of what is arguably their extraordinary confusion about objectives, it is the fact that cheap oil, when viewed at close quarters in 1986, has turned out to be too expensive for everyone.

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Ronald Butt

No such thing as a Labour win

Mrs Thatcher's debt to Mr Kinnock mounts daily. The more the Labour leader tries to win friends for his party, the more he makes them for the Tories. Words come too easily to him. The more he says in the hope of explaining away the case against Labour and of selling its policies by verbal packaging, the more he inadvertently reveals the realities he seeks to camouflage. It is a pity there is no political Fifth Amendment to protect him.

Thus ever since the Labour Party conference, he has been defending himself and his party against the charges of unpatriotism and being anti-Nato. At the conference he declared emotionally (and it makes a good clip for party political broadcasts) that he would fight to defend his country. That is interesting, but it is not the point.

Nor does it particularly help the public to know that he would fight if he were in Afghanistan, which is what he said the other week in an article in the *Spectator*. (Mrs Kinnock, this being a joint interview, added that she would fight in Nicaragua or South Africa). The truth is that the more Kinnock tries to show that his party is not anti-Nato, the more, floundering in his own words, he establishes that this is what it is.

This is shown less by rejection of an independent British deterrent, arguable on cost grounds, than by Labour's determination to close the US nuclear bases in Britain, yesterday's hedging on a deadline notwithstanding. Above all it is proved by Kinnock's rejection as "dishonest" of sheltering under the Nato nuclear umbrella, which is the cornerstone of Nato deterrent policy. What is so appalling is the sheer silliness of the Labour leader's reasoning, epitomised in a couple of sentences in the same *Spectator* interview, when Mr John Mortimer asked him what he would say to the old Labour voter who remembered the Hitler war and thought Labour had gone pacifist.

"I'd say the first duty of government is to defend the country. I'd say I don't expect people to forget Munich or Poland, but there's no such thing as a winnable war in Europe. Whoever pressed the button, we'd all be destroyed." Yet it is precisely because we would all be destroyed that the deterrent deters, the button does not have to be pressed, and our freedom is preserved. Without it the Russians would be free to advance their conventional forces under the umbrella of their nuclear power, and what would Labour's souped-up conventional non-nuclear forces be worth then? That single unqualified, unguarded phrase, "There's no such thing as a winnable war in Europe", exposes the subconscious pacifism which is now at the heart of the dominant wing of the Labour Party from which Kinnock rose.

The opinion polls, which put the Tories ahead and identify Labour's defence policy as the main reason, show that the public understand the issues as clearly as the Americans, who have contemptuously dismissed Kinnock's explanations. When he is forced to explain away Labour's economic and social policies with another deluge of words, these too will be found equally unacceptable because they mean a return to inflation, the old kind of union domination, a highly controlled society and more freedom for the extremists who now run so much of Labour local government.

The Tories are well set to be the beneficiaries of Labour's inadequacy. But they need more than that, and more than the benefit from falling employment and rising prosperity. Firm and radical manifesto commitments are also essential to ensure that they make a more constructive and imaginative use of their third term than they did of their second. It is here that there are some grounds for misgivings.

Next week the 11 policy groups preparing the basis of the Tory manifesto are due to complete their reports, for submission to the Prime Minister. Each is chaired by a Cabinet minister and consists of backbench MPs with some academics and other outside advisers. These reports will at least have the advantage of being ready well in time to influence the manifesto: that was not the case in 1983 when the comparable exercise was held up by the start of the Falklands war. As a result work did not start until autumn 1982, the reports were not ready until six weeks before the 1983 election, and there was no adquate manifesto.

In 1982, when the whole exercise was in the hands of Sir Geoffrey Howe, Cabinet ministers did not chair the committees. It is probably more sensible that they are now doing so since it exposes them directly to more non-Whitehall discussion of ideas, though some Tories argue that it is inhibiting because ministers cannot encourage the committees to look beyond, or contrary to, what they are already officially doing.

The most important questions lie in the social field, not simply because this is the greatest drain and danger to the economy but because keeping the economy inflation-free (itself a social benefit to every wage earner and pensioner) inevitably means periodically cutting back social spending in a manner which damages the good as well as the wasteful because we lack proper spending priorities. Like the bank manager, the state offers an umbrella when the sun shines and takes it back in such a hurry when the rain begins that some of the best causes get wet. Wasteful spending by local authorities goes unchecked, but hospitals wards are not built or shut, and universities that have been urged to expand are hastily cut back in the wrong places.

The basic educational and health services need also to be brought into touch with consumers and market forces so that money can go into them which does not go into them now. There are many people who cannot afford to pay for independent schools or health insurance but who would pay something to get a better service if they were allowed to. They are unhappy at the consequences of their being denied any participation in and influence over the system.

On the whole, the outlook for radical thinking on education under Kenneth Baker seems much brighter than for the social and health services. But the same logic applies. People want the services to respond to them, and money not to be wasted. What the Tories have to show is that they have a plan which can in the long run bring better care for everyone than the promised outpouring of a socialist cornucopia which the nation cannot afford to fill.

Toby Young

Student readers begin here

8.30 Saturday night. Dave and Pete have just ordered a round of drinks. Dave is drinking Pils. So is Pete. Dave is wearing a combat jacket, a white, collarless shirt, jeans and monkey boots. So is Pete. Dave wears a badge which says "Cut Trident Not Teachers". They're both pretty left-wing, Dave and Pete, and they both hate *fascists*. Dave and Pete are students.

There was a time when students used to read things like History and Classics but now they read things like *2000 AD*. *2000 AD* has this really *ace* cartoon strip called Judge Dread, which is really *relevant* because it's got unemployed people in it. Pete prefers the *Beano* because Dennis The Menace is really *brilliant*.

After the pub, Dave and Pete are off to a really *whacky* party. It's being given by this really *interesting* bloke called Moon. Moon isn't exactly a student, but he's been around for years so they treat him like one. No one's thought to ask him why he's got such a stupid name. It's part of what makes him *interesting*.

Before they *hit* Moon's *pad*, Dave and Pete are going for a *smoke* with this really *brilliant* girl called Philippa. Philippa doesn't do anything *superficial* like washing her hair. Philippa's really *relevant*. She's been arrested at Greenham, but she's a real *laugh*. She knows everything there is to know about drugs, about *Red Leb* and *Gold Leb* and *Double Zero* and *Afghan Black*. *Amazing*. She knows more about drugs than normal girls know about make-up.

Students like smoking dope because it's a black thing to do. Black people are really *relevant*. They think soul music is *ace*. Black words are *acé* too, really *expressive* – *cool, hip, fresh, bad, babylon, bloodclot*. Particularly words for drugs – *gear, blow, weed, spliff, ganga, herb*. Most of the students' heroes are black too, like Steve Biko and Nelson Mandela and Eddie Murphy. Anything from Africa is *brilliant*, apart from South Africa which is really *fascist*.

In fact, virtually anything ethnic is OK. *Gin Sin, Incense, Yin Yan, I-Ching* – really *alternative*. Students discover India in their year off and from then on all roads point to Mecca.

Meditation is *ace*. If only all the *fascists* in the world sat down and meditated instead of spending more money on arms in two weeks than it would cost to feed the entire Third World for a year, then you wouldn't have any wars. War is so stupid, so *superficial*.

Anything to do with politics is really *relevant*. Dave used to think that politics was really *boring*, but now he can't even go into a supermarket without worrying about whether the oranges are from South Africa or the beans from Chile. All processed food is really bad for you and eating meat is like murder, only worse, because you don't actually kill things yourself.

After Moon's party Dave and Pete go back to Philippa's room and have this really *amazing* conversation. It's all about this stuff called acid rain which is really screwing up the environment and killing all the trees in Sweden and mutilating animals and really *Thatcherite* things like that. Philippa reckons that if you had more women in power you wouldn't get stuff like acid rain. Then Philippa *skins up* this really *mega-spliff* and they get really *out-of it*. Then they get the *munchies* and it turns out Philippa's got these Mars bars and they start doing these really *whacky* things like licking the chocolate off. *Ace*.

Aide memoir

Philip Howard: New Words for Old

"Painters and poets have always had a right to try anything once," one of the grand old bossy megalomaniac news editors said. So have journos. They are the innovators of language.

In fact most of what we do is repetitive, copying out old cuttings, summarizing what somebody else has written, rehashing cold cabbage. But we claim the licence to write what no man has written before. And sometimes we go too far, and end up with egg on our faces and absurdity on our word processors.

As that grand old news editor declaimed: "You can go as far as you want, but not so far as to mate the savage with the tame, or to have serpents copulating with birds, or lambs with tigers." He wrote his advice before the Surrealists and Picasso.

I woke up with a start the other day when I read, in a report from the School of Oriental and African Studies: "If we can assume that the Report epiphanizes good managerial practice . . ." I suspect that the whimsical secretary had his tongue in his cheek, and that what he meant was: "If we can assume that the report is a Manifestation from on High (sc. the UGC) of good managerial practice." If so, it was a nice scholarly joke. But I am keeping my eyes open for epiphanies and epiphanizing, to see whether they catch on in the blats.

What happens far more often than some adventurous Amerigo Vespucci of the public prints saying something that nobody has thought of saying before is that we read something that strikes us as clever, crib it, and before you know where you are the whole Fleet Street pack is baying it until you are sick of it.

"Aide" is a popular Americanism for an important person's adviser or counsellor, someone at the right hand of a prime minister, president or City tycoon. I can see the attraction for headline-writers, because it has four letters instead of seven or ten. If you have to put "counsellor" in a headline, forget it. Many Americanisms are expressive, and enrich the language. I am not sure that "aide" does; as the old news editor said: "By trying to be brief, I become obscure."

The Queen does indeed have aides-de-camp drawn from the three services. But when *The Times* describes Her Majesty's Private Secretary as an aide, and even, a few months ago, the Mistress of the Robes as an aide, it confuses the offices, and makes the hair of our older and more courtierly readers stand on end.

Lesser blats without the law, such as the *Sun* and *The Independent* imitate us. And before you know where you are, throughout the pubs of England jolly jokes are being made linking royalty with Aids. We should watch it.

Cryptic brevity is one cause of obscurity in Headline English: as in SQUAD HELPS DOG BIT VICTIM. Another cause is *double entendre* that jerks a dormant metaphor to life. One example is our current passion for loopholes. Loopholes may, I suppose, be legal or illegal, as they tend to be, but when legal loopholes hamper or halt something up, as they do all the time, confusing images of lambs mating with tigers arise in my mind's eye.

Summit is a well-established mountaineering metaphor for meetings between heads of government. It came into vogue, I think, with the meetings between Eisenhower and Khrushchev. An interesting early use came from Winston Churchill in 1950, deploring the Cold War, recalling his wartime meetings with Stalin and Roosevelt, and calling for "a parley at the summit".

A meeting may take place at the summit, but it is not itself a summit, in the extreme acceptance of the word. So when a broadcaster on the *Today* programme, discussing the manoeuvring between Israel and Egypt over a projected meeting between Peres and Mubarak, said: "Mubarak may be holding up the summit", I flickered. Mubarak is widely regarded as rather a weak president. In the new, abbreviated meeja headline use, he appears to be not lacking in physical strength, but a modern Atlas.

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OVER THE TOP WITH LABOUR

Labour Party's defence cy would lead the country 'n a dangerous path, and Healey knows it. The most couraging construction to t upon yesterday's defence nifesto would be that a nall part of Mr Kinnock's ain knows it too. Sadly a rger part does not. Even on ie most optimistic possible nterpretation, neither Mr Kinnock nor Mr Healey have eft themselves enough room or manoeuvre in the strait-acket imposed upon the party by its jubilant Left.

There,of course, exists a respectable case for cancelling the Trident missile. We do not accept it — but those who do include a number of senior officers as well as politicians of all parties. There is an argument, not impossible to sustain, for abandoning the concept of an independent deterrent — and redefining Britain's contribution to a nuclear-armed Western alliance.

Had Labour presented a serious exploration of these options, it might have have won high marks for effort in the inevitable (and very necessary) debate over British defence. In "Modern Britain in a modern World" the party has instead gone over the top to disaster with an idiot enthusiasm which even the Gadarene swine could not have matched.

A critical weakness of Labour's plan is the nonchalant way in which it draws a line between nuclear and conventional forces, as if between good and evil. Nato strategy is based upon a complementary mix of weapons with well-worked operational scenarios. To start unilaterally *unscrambling this mix would* mean not just removing one element, but crippling the whole.

When the manifesto talks of *strengthening* Britain's conventional forces, how many can believe it? Conventional forces are significantly more expensive than nuclear, certainly in terms of their deterrent value. Even a Conservative Chancellor, espying the cancellation of one weapon system (like Trident) might fight an attempt by the Ministry of Defence to spend the money saved upon another.

Can one really see a Labour government, riddled by the Left, increasing the strength of the Royal Navy, the RAF or BAOR? Even if it did, the chance that it would do so by such an amount as to lessen the conventional burden on America, is utterly remote.

But the most damaging flaw in Labour's defence strategy is its threat to end all US nuclear bases in Britain. Here again there is an all-too-ready assumption that the United States would happily consent to the removal of all nuclear weapons, while leaving their conventional troops in place. Would the Third Air Force, which fills one of the most vital roles in Nato, remain in Britain under such conditions? And if Washington refused to let it do so, where else could it go?

Labour's preferences, moreover, do not even extend to the deep-strike options with precision-guided munitions (PGM) favoured by, among others, General Bernard Rogers, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander. New technology in Labour eyes should be concentrated on defensive weapons, backed up by what sounds like an updated Maginot Line — and a hugely increase reserve strength. Some such means of improving allied defences may be sensible — but not at the expense of everything else.

Mr Kinnock has launched a deep strike offensive of his own by accusing the present Government of presiding over a "serious decline" in the country's armed strength. This too looks singularly off-target. To attack Mrs Thatcher for *disarming by stealth* (that is, by pouring too many resources into the nuclear programme) carries little conviction. It must be clear to anyone who reads this manifesto that despite all its heady commitment to a 50-ship surface fleet and the European Fighter Aircraft programme, defence is likely to assume a significantly lower profile under Labour than it does now.

There is the merest glimpse of an apostasy by the Labour leadership. Mr Kinnock said yesterday that while it would be technically possible to remove all US nuclear bases from Britain in a year, "the political process requires longer discusions." There would be no mass eviction. The manifesto stresses the need for "consultations" with the allies. Has Mr Kinnock ever tried consulting the Nato allies about such fundamental shifts in one side's position?

He will presumably try, along with Mr Healey, to fudge as best he can on crucial questions during the next election campaign. As a prime minister he could not push through policies like these without doing grave harm to British security, safety and national interest. With policies like these may he never get the chance to try.

NOT SO MUCH A U-TURN, MORE A . . .

In its report on the Chancellor's Autumn Statement the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee lends a good deal of support to the "Government in U-turn" view of economic policy. There have been substantial changes, claims the Committee, in the Government's policies on public spending control, reduction in the money supply and the role of interest rates and exchange rates in monetary policy.

This is all true. Behind it, however, is the thinly veiled implication that this indicates a fundamental change in the Government's objectives and the underlying methods by which it has sought to achieve them. That is not so clear.

Certainly the Government is wiser as well as older than it was in 1979. The optimistic view of the speed of likely progress and the exaggerated faith in the instruments at its command have all been subject to a degree of disillusion. Disillusionment is one of the conditions of office. But the underlying commitment to reducing inflation and cutting taxes, although subject to many reverses, is still there.

The Committee's censoriousness is most properly deployed in its comments on public spending. It is fruitless for the Government to claim, as Mr Nigel Lawson did in evidence to the Committee, that the policy with regard to public spending has remained unchanged and only the presentation has altered. At an earlier stage in the Government's life its ambitions to curb public spending were considerably higher.

The stated aim was originally to reduce public spending. This then became one of keeping it level in real terms, and now it is to keep it gently falling as a proportion of the economy. Perhaps the original aim was unrealistic. But the control of public spending is something which is ultimately in the control of the Government and one where the instruments of control are fairly straightforward. Other countries have taken decisions which have been judged politically impossible in the UK. Although the Government has striven it has not succeeded on its own terms.

Whether the Government has succeeded or failed with its monetary policy is not easy to tell because it keeps moving the goalposts. That is the Committee's complaint - that monetary policy is "obscure".

In the present state of knowledge a degree of obscurity is in the nature of monetary policy. Whereas other countries have succeeded in controlling public spending none has avoided setting monetary targets which subsequently turned out to be inappropriate. Monetary policy remains important, and it remains unsatisfactory. But the Committee's report does not take us any further forward.

The report has some good points to make on other issues. It points out that the public sector borrowing requirement is an ambiguous measure of the fiscal stance at a time of large receipts from privatisation and urges the Government to concentrate on a different measure, the public sector financial deficit, which has fewer disadvantages. It is also concerned that public spending could overrun even its revised plans if the teachers' pay offer sets a precedent with public sector unions.

Ultimately the select committee system is circumscribed by its cross-party nature. The report's only firm recommendation in heavy type is that the Chancellor should tell Parliament first rather than anyone else his innermost thoughts on monetary policy. That is something one which all MPs can agree.

THE DARK VEIL OF CENSORSHIP

After more than three decades in which it has strewn all manner of obstacles in the way of those who bear bad tidings, the South African government has finally decided to bind its unwelcome messengers hand and foot. The sweeping new powers under which the Government will censure in advance press reports of "all sorts of resistance" are a last resort, and one characteristic of all authoritarian regimes which face a challenge to their established order.

The new powers will be exercised in terms of the State of Emergency and are not, unlike the nearly one hundred rules and regulations which have long curtailed the freedom of the press in South Africa, incorporated in statute and common law. The state of emergency is, by its very nature, a temporary aberration, and there is, despite the example of Zimbabwe where the emergency has survived not merely a change in government but "liberation" itself, some hope that Pretoria, once it has discovered the error of its decision, may be persuaded to lift the veil as suddenly as it has dropped it.

For, difficult as it may be for Mr P.W. Botha's government to comprehend at a time when it is struggling to pacify black townships riven by violence and anarchy, the state of emergency is precisely when a frightened and confused populous needs more news rather than less.To insist, as it has now done, that all reports of resistance — a phrase that could encompass anything from school and consumer boycotts to the opinions of political leaders — will have to be submitted to government officials before publication is to keep white South African opinion blanketed in dangerous ignorance and render it incapable of reaching reasoned decisions about the future of its country.

The ban will also supply endless ammunition to those whose cause feeds on rumour rather than fact. Ultimately it threatens to destroy the government's own tattered credibility and, more important, perhaps, the credibility of the South African press. For despite the erosion of press freedom over decades, South African newspapers have maintained a tradition of vigorous inquiry and dissent unique in Africa and most developing countries. Their vigorous expression of opinion not merely helped to keep free and open debate alive in South Africa, it also gave the lie to the frequently voiced *canard* that the country was a police state.

The State of Emergency and Pretoria's initial decision to ban all unrest reports which did not emanate from its own Bureau of Information began to give a gloss of truth to that distortion. Yesterday's move will now make it almost impossible to rebut. It will also make it almost impossible for Pretoria to refute rumours — no matter how false or exaggerated — about the scope of black dissent, the strength of school boycotts, the number of deaths, the identity of the killers, the nature of black demands or the size of African National Congress support.

There can be little doubt that in the past two years occasionally tendentious reporting has played a role in inflaming passions both in and outside South Africa. But press freedom has never been an unalloyed benefit. Its absence, on the other hand, is an unmitigated evil, not least for those governments which decide that they can live without it.

It is to be hoped that Pretoria comes to realize its mistake and reverses its decision. Otherwise those who would promote revolution and chaos in South Africa may themselves come to realize that they can now spread any rumour and advance any slander in support of their cause without fear of contradiction by a discredited government and a muzzled press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Payment of VAT on bad debts

From Mr Sidney Z. Manches

Sir, An Official Receiver in bankruptcy has told me of the heavy increase in bankruptcy adjudications during the last year or so, particularly on petitions signed by companies in the building and home-improvements businesses. The reason is not difficult to discover since the problem dates back to the introduction of VAT on the products of those businesses which previously had been zero-rated.

Section 22 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983 (as amended) and the Bad Debt Relief Regulations made thereunder provide that a person who has supplied goods, on which the tax has been paid, to a purchaser who has failed to pay the amount owing and has become insolvent may recover the tax paid from HM Customs and Excise.

The provision is not unreasonable. The legal definition of insolvent is "unable to pay his debts as and when they become due", which would not be difficult to prove if, following one or two unsuccessful demands for payment, enquiries are made.

Unfortunately, the Act itself provides a very different definition of when an individual becomes insolvent. He has to be adjudged bankrupt or have entered into a deed of arrangement or composition approved in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1985.

As a consequence, creditors are obliged, frequently against their will, to bankrupt some wretched debtor from whom they might otherwise have accepted a modest instalment payment or even cancelled the debt entirely, solely to enable the 15 per cent VAT on the debt to be recovered.

Bankruptcy, if not an actual disgrace, is a traumatic experience for any person to go through, particularly the unfortunate individual who may be in this predicament through no fault of his own, perhaps because he has lost his job.

Inspectors of taxes, not the most generous of revenue collectors, will allow a bad debt for relief against income tax on reasonable proof, far short of bankruptcy, that the debt is bad. The regulations laid down by this Act are a scandal which Parliament should remedy without delay.

Yours faithfully,
SIDNEY Z. MANCHES,
10 Duke Street, W1.
December 9.

Fight against Aids

From Mr J. R. H. Chisholm

Sir, It is all very well for Mr Stokes (December 4) to blame the Church for inadequately extolling the Christian virtues of chastity and fidelity in marriage, but Parliament has been devaluing marriage for years.

Not only do the tax laws benefit living in sin rather than marriage, but the lot of illegitimate children and one-parent families has been progressively ameliorated for admirable short-term humanitarian reasons, regardless of the long-term consequences, which persist "unto the third and fourth generations".

Yours faithfully,
J. R. H. CHISHOLM,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
December 4.

From the Bishop of Birmingham

Sir, The pride of place given in *The Times* today to the letter of Mr John Stokes, MP, is revealing. Mr Stokes complains that bishops have given no leadership about chastity. But when a bishop spoke about chastity recently in the House of Lords (Hansard, November 18, col 158) *The Times*, alone among the "quality" dailies, chose not to report it.

Perhaps Mr Stokes's strictures are addressed to the wrong target?

Yours faithfully,
†HUGH BIRMINGHAM,
Bishop's Croft,
Old Church Road,
Harborne,
Birmingham.
December 4.

Locum services

From Mr Leonard Allen

Sir, Your recent articles (November 24, 27) about locum medical services ignore the fact that there already exists a code of practice, agreed in 1979 by the DHSS and the Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services, to regulate such services. It seeks to establish a parallel between pay rates for agency locum doctors and their colleagues in full-time employment in the NHS.

Locum medical services are not admitted to the federation until they have been carefully interviewed and their stability established.

In accordance with legislation, careful checks are carried out on references, medical defence cover and qualifications. This information is made available to hospitals before the locum arrives to take up duties.

Engaging locum doctors from agencies in membership of the FRES is cheaper than engaging staff direct to fill short-term vacancies. Locum doctors receive no holiday pay, sickness pay or paid study leave and are likely to need to relocate frequently at great personal expense and inconvenience to fill bookings.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD ALLEN, Director,
Federation of Recruitment and Employment Services Limited,
10 Belgrave Square, SW1.
December 2

A boost, not a crutch, for the arts

From Lord Kissin of Camden

Sir, We are used to the fact that every year the reaction to Government spending on the arts is one of general disappointment. This year, however, it appears to me that the cries are considerably louder and the groans more widespread than before.

There is more than a hint from the Government in their various announcements that, whilst they are ready to offer the arts a temporary crutch, in future the arts should look to sponsorship from the private sector and other sources.

In the past years the Arts Council has most honourably supported some 1,200 projects, many of them on a very small scale, and has spent well over half its funds outside London. If this policy is continued, admirable though it might have been in other circumstances, the major national institutions, not only in London but all over the country, will begin to be starved of the cash they need to ensure their continued ability to function at least at their present scale and at least at their present high standard.

I would now advocate that we should look most seriously at the proposal made in the Priestley report on the Royal Opera House and the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1983, that specific funds for the support of named institutions should be earmarked within the Government's general funding of the arts. I would support the proposal that those earmarked funds should be channelled through the Arts Council, as the Chairman of the Royal Opera House has himself recently suggested.

I would like to make three points.

1. It is essential that the Government and the public should realise that the standards of excellence maintained by the national institutions are in no sense elitist, but are, on the contrary, fundamental for the preservation and progress of our national artistic life. They are a constant reminder of what can be achieved, and are a bastion against mediocrity and lack of discrimination.
2. The Government's grant-in-aid is not quite as generous as it would appear, as long as the Chancellor claws back a large part through the imposition of VAT on the arts.
3. The standards of excellence we have maintained in our natural artistic life are essential for Britain's worldwide artistic reputation. This in turn is what enables us to continue to derive those benefits we enjoy from the arts, in the shape of invisible earnings and increased employment.

Finally, the Government could give a demonstration of its belief that the general public, and particularly business and industry, have a social responsibility to support the arts by lowering the burden of VAT and increasing tax advantages.

The Chancellor has given signs of loosening the purse strings elsewhere. Why not, therefore, follow the more generous American policy of offering wider tax deductions for sponsorship of the arts?

Yours faithfully,
KISSIN of CAMDEN,
32 St Mary at Hill, EC3.

From Lord Donoughue

Sir, It would be unfortunate if your readers swallowed at face value the figures on arts expenditure cited in the letter from Gerald Bowden, MP (December 1).

His claim that central government expenditure on the arts has increased since 1979 by 28 per cent presumably includes the temporary replacement funding which partly compensates for the loss of money following the abolition of the metropolitan counties. Not even the Arts Minister has ever attempted to massage the statistics in this way and in his statement of November 8 the Minister claimed a real increase of only 8 per cent.

That percentage is arrived at by using the "GDP deflator". If the conventional retail price index is used (as recommended in the 1982 Peacock report), the result would be a 3.1 per cent *decrease*. Using the earnings index — certainly relevant to the arts with such a high proportion of their costs in staff pay — the result is a more devastating decline of over 6 per cent.

Mr Bowden claims a 5.8 per cent increase in next year's arts allocation, but does not mention that this includes £8.8million for the special capital expenditure on the British Museum extension. Without that the increase is 2.6 per cent. I do not know what rate of inflation Mr Bowden anticipates but he should know that most City economists expect an outcome in the range 4-6 per cent and some much higher: that would indicate a real cut by March, 1988.

As often, it depends on which way the numbers are juggled. Even if Mr Bowden's figures were correct, the money we donate to the arts is unforgiveably small.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD DONOUGHUE,
House of Lords.

From the Chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission

Sir, Lord Kenyon (November 22) argues cogently the National Portrait Gallery's case for additional space on the dental hospital site. The Museums and Galleries Commission strongly reaffirms the support it has given to the gallery's plea for extra space in its present location ever since the 1972 White Paper, when David Eccles was Minister for the Arts.

The dental hospital scheme is not the chance of a lifetime; it is the chance of the century. It would ideally complement the planned extension to the National Gallery, and create a cultural complex linking Trafalgar and Leicester Squares. It deserves support from both public and private sources.

Yours truly,
BRIAN MORRIS, Chairman,
Museums and Galleries Commission,
7 St James's Square, SW1.
November 27.

The Awacs variation

From the Chairman of The General Electric Company, plc

Sir, In your leader on Britain's airborne early warning system (December 10) you criticise the Callaghan Government for making the "wrong decision for the right reasons" and then advise the Thatcher Government to make the wrong decision for no reason at all.

Neither Nimrod nor Awacs (airborne warning and control system) currently meets the RAF cardinal point specification. However, GEC has demonstrated an ability to bring its systems to full specification and we presume Boeing can as well.

Since March of this year GEC has had complete responsibility for managing this project and it has been working with its own money for half of the cost. There have been none of the bureaucratic delays; the committees which met but never took decisions.

We now have an AEW Nimrod which, in Mr Younger's words, works. The aircraft can be delivered within three years and to the standard laid down by the ministry. In delivery and cost we can beat Awacs, and since it is a more modern system, it can be stretched to meet increasing demands over the next 30 years.

It is true that Nimrod is smaller than Awacs, but this very fact has necessitated a higher degree of automaticity, the same tasks with fewer operators, and a computer with ten times the capacity of the present one.

Lockheed will co-operate with us in a lucrative export market, so you are wrong to suggest this market has already been forfeited; Boeing understand this, even if you do not.

The difference between the two systems lies in the cost, the delivery time, the export potential for Britain and the effect on employment. On each issue the GEC proposal is more beneficial to the British people. The duty of the British Government is clear. Both systems will defend Britain, but only GEC will defend British industry.

Yours faithfully,
JIM PRIOR, Chairman,
The General Electric Company, plc,
1 Stanhope Gate, W1.

Breath of summer

From Mrs O. Lever

Sir, Yesterday (December 7) I picked in my garden broom, roses, heather, japonica, geum, daisy, cow parsley, corn marigold, buttercup, dandelion, scarlet pimpernel, herb Robert, ivy-leaved toadflax, wild strawberry, evergreen alkanet, sweet violet, hawkweed, soft comfrey, and two varieties of poppy, periwinkle and chamomile and there was a primrose in bud, which beats Mrs Walker (December 6).

Yours faithfully,
J. LEVER,
Blackacre,
Park Road,
Plumtree, Nottingham.
December 8.

From Sir David Serpell

Sir, On a cliff-path near here, well to the west of Mrs Walker's garden, my wife and I today (December 6) found — and did *not* pick! — some 40 different wild flowers. Amongst them were violets, milkworts, bell heather, thyme, sea thrift, bladder campion, scabious, tormentil and stitchwort.

Floreat Devonia!

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SERPELL,
25 Crossparks,
Dartmouth, Devon.
December 6.

Burnham's demise

From Councillor John Hart

Sir, Your leader today (December 1) refraining from weeping over the demise of Burnham finds my eyes dry, too.

Both Burnham committees have outlived their usefulness. Yes *both*. Mr Kenneth Baker has not mentioned the Burnham further education committee. That, too, must go.

With the development of the 16-19 age group's education through tertiary colleges, manpower services initiatives etc, a salary/working conditions body needs to be developed which is appropriate to that area. At present, teachers and college lecturers can claim overtime (and do, sometimes generously); teachers cannot.

That leaves lecturers in polytechnics and major colleges who do advanced work. At present no one covers them. They are lumped with college lecturers, although what they do is akin to university work. Surely they should be catered for by a separate panel of some sort?

Very truly yours,

JOHN HART,
London Borough of Barnet,
Members' Room,
Town Hall,
Hendon, NW4.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 11 1928

Although overshadowed by the Upper Ganges canal scheme in the same Indian state, one of the great irrigation works in the world, the Sarda canal, was extended in 1941. Its overall length, including its branches, of 7,236 miles made it one of the longest. United Provinces was renamed Uttar Pradesh when India became a republic in 1950.

IMMENSE CANAL SYSTEM.

ACHIEVEMENT IN INDIA.

(From a Correspondent in Oudh.)

To-day Sir Malcolm Hailey, Governor of the United Provinces, formally opens the Sarda Canal, and the day will be memorable even in the wonderful history of irrigation in India. It is the first large irrigation work that has been done in the United Provinces for many years; its achievement is remarkable for the uncommon difficulties and dangers that have attended its construction; and it will be the longest canal system in the world.

... The provision of a canal for utilizing in the Ganges-Gogra watershed the enormous volume of water which has hitherto run to waste in the Sarda river has been one of the most contentious questions for more than half a century in the history of Indian irrigation. It has been frequently argued that the cultivators would not use the water; but any remaining doubts on this question have now been set at rest by the eagerness with which they have applied for the supply to begin.

GREAT ENGINEERING FEAT

The Sarda river rises in the Himalayas, and in its upper reaches forms the boundary between the United Provinces and Nepal. During heavy floods the river has been known to discharge 550,000 cubic feet a second, or over 30 times as much as the great Thames flood of last winter. The flow rarely falls below 5,000 cubic feet a second. A barrage consisting of 34 bays, each of 50ft. span, has been constructed across the river at Banbassa (43 miles north-east of Pilibhit), the point where the river debouches into the plains. The openings will be closed by steel gates constructed by Messrs. Glenfield and Kennedy, of Kilmarnock, who also supplied the 16 gates, each 20ft. long, for the canal head. The canal itself has a bed width at the head of 350ft., and with a full supply depth of 8.1ft. will discharge 9,500 cubic feet a second.

This great scheme comprises about 4,000 miles of canal and distributing channels, commanding an area of over 7,000,000 acres — that is to say, a region as large as all the fertile land of Egypt. In a dry year over 1,500,000 acres will be irrigated. The country which will receive water is already highly cultivated, but the introduction of the canal, besides relieving distress and obviating heavy expenditure on relief works in famine years, will lead to a better class of crops being grown, and more particularly to the development of sugar-cane ...

DANGERS AND DISEASE

Few more difficult engineering tasks have ever been undertaken than the construction of the upper reaches of the Sarda project. The headworks and the main canal for its entire length of 27 miles, as also one of the main branches for a further 40 miles, lie in the depths of one of the most unhealthy forest tracts in Northern India. None but aboriginal tribes, who inhabit clearings in the forest, could survive the deadly climate. During the first years of construction (the work began at the end of 1920) officers and labourers suffered much, and a heavy expenditure on anti-malarial work had to be incurred before the headworks could be rendered reasonably healthy. Even in the later years it has been necessary to suspend work and withdraw labour and staff for four months each summer.

Nor was this all. Wild animals, particularly wild elephants and tigers, made it all but impossible to hold the labour collected for the work. When gangs of *dacoits* added a further terror it was only by introducing a light railway and armed police that the necessary sense of security could be instilled into the labourers to get them to stay on the work.

The great scheme will take some time to develop fully; but in dry years there will always be a keen demand for water, and as time goes on its benefits in raising the standard of cultivation will be realized even in wet years. It is anticipated that the project will yield to the State a net annual return of 7 per cent. on the capital outlay of about £7,500,000. But the benefits to the humble cultivator have been brought at a heavy cost in the vitality of the men that gave them. Several engineers have been almost permanently incapacitated owing to working under malarial conditions in the Tarai, and it was only by the most elaborate medical precautions that the scheme could materialize.

Wheels and woe

From Mr J. Pierson

Sir, The Austin Montego was the first car to be selected to carry the coveted Design Council label.

It has just taken me one hour of solid toil, a bottle brush, a box of tissues and copious amounts of methylated spirit to clean the 224 holes in the wheel trims.

The 16 circular inserts have, to date, defeated me. Perhaps the Design Council has developed a suitable tool.

Yours faithfully,

J. PIERSON,
6 Dunlin Close,
Bamford,
Rochdale, Lancashire.
December 6.

Effect of higher taxation is relevant in damages award

Thomas v Wignall and Another

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment December 10]

In assessing the damages payable to an injured plaintiff for loss of future earnings and the cost of future care, a judge was entitled to take into account the effect which higher taxation would have on a larger award.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the two defendants, J. R. Wignall and South Glamorgan Area Health Authority, from Mr Justice Hutchinson who on December 20, 1985, awarded the plaintiff, Linda Thomas, suing by her next friend Frank Lack Maffey, damages totalling £679,264.

Mr Piers Ashworth, QC and Mr Michael Baker for the defendants; Mr Malcolm Pill, QC and Mr Vernon Pugh, QC for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that it was a tragic case concerning a young woman of 16 who, two weeks after her marriage, had undergone a routine tonsil operation. The anaesthetic had gone wrong, causing the plaintiff severe brain damage.

The defendants, who were the anaesthetist and his employing authority, admitted negligence so the only issue was as to quantum of damages.

The judge's award of £679,264, which was the highest ever made in a personal injury case, included £39,000 for loss of future earnings and £435,000 for the cost of future care of the plaintiff, who was seriously disabled and needed help in virtually every aspect of daily living.

In reaching those figures, the judge had used a multiplier of 14, for a life expectancy of 28, and had then increased that multiplier to 15 to take account of the higher levels of taxation which the award would attract.

The defendants referred to *Cookson v Knowles* ([1979] AC 556) and *Lim Poh Choo v Camden and Islington Area Health Authority* ([1980] AC 174) and argued that just as no account should normally be taken of future inflation, since that would be offset by the resulting higher interest rates, no account should be taken of higher taxation either.

In *Cookson v Knowles*, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton observed, at p577: "In exceptional cases, where the annuity is large enough to attract income tax at a high rate, it may be necessary for the court to have expert evidence [as to its effect]. Whether in such cases it might be appropriate to increase the multiplier, or to allow for future inflation in some other way would be a matter for evidence in each case."

Without referring to the authorities, it was clear to his Lordship that, as a general rule, taxation bore and would continue to bear more heavily on the income of a large award of damages than on that of a small one.

Hence there was a material distinction from the outset between a very large award and a comparatively modest one, which one would expect a court to take into account when determining the award.

Of course, prudent investment planning could mitigate or offset some of the rigours of higher rates of tax; but where, as in the present case, the fund would have an annual income of over £30,000, it was unrealistic to approach the matter on the footing that the incidence of higher taxes should be wholly ignored.

That observation of Lord Fraser had been made in the context of the different, though related, question whether an award should be increased to allow for inflation.

To the general rule that what was lost in inflation was gained by higher rates of interest, he had made an exception where the dependant's assumed annuity would be large enough to attract income tax at a high rate.

The question in the instant case was whether, irrespective of any future inflation, some allowance should be made for the incidence of high rates of tax on the income of that large award from the outset.

Nevertheless, although the questions were different, Lord Fraser's approach to the question before him was consistent with the incidence of high rates of tax being a factor properly to be taken into account when answering the question arising in the instant case.

Furthermore, Lord Fraser's statment that in exceptional cases expert evidence might be necessary could not be read as indicating that in every case such evidence was an essential prerequisite to making any allowance for tax reasons.

In the *Lim Poh Choo* case, the House of Lords had not had to consider, or reject the question whether, regardless of future inflation, any adjustment should be made for the heavier tax on the large fund involved in that case. That did not seem to have been argued in that case, which was therefore an insecure base for the defendants' argument.

In the present case, the judge's choice of 14 as a multiplier and his adjustment of it to 15 to take account of higher taxation was not unreasonable in the circumstances.

His Lordship also considered, and rejected a number of other grounds of appeal.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD concurred in all respects save that he did not consider the increase of the multiplier from 14 to 15 to take account of the incidence of higher taxes was justifiable, on which point he himself would have allowed the appeal.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, delivered a judgment concurring with Lord Justice Nicholls.

Solicitors: Hempsons; Hermer & Flacke, Cardiff.

Proving all parts of copyright offence

Masa v Le Maitre

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Tudor Evans

[Judgment December 4]

In proving an offence under section 21(4A) of the Copyright Act 1956, as inserted by section 1 of the Copyright Act 1956 (Amendment) Act 1982, it was not necessary for the prosecution to call the actual owners of the copyright to establish the existence of copyright.

The prosecution were required to prove that copyright subsisted, that first authorized publication took place in a country to which the section extended and that the copies were infringing copies, but it was sufficient if they were able to establish those elements through the evidence of witnesses other than the makers or owners of the copyright.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court allowed an appeal against a conviction upon one charge but dismissed the appeal against a conviction on a second charge by the defendant, Abdul Musa, on informations laid by the prosecutor, Christopher Le Maitre, an officer of the Federation Against Copyright Theft, before Newham Justices on February 20, 1986.

Mr Allen Dyer for the defendant; Mr Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that the defendant was charged upon two informations which alleged that at a time when copyright subsisted in certain cinematograph films he had in his possession by way of trade articles which he knew to be infringing copies of the films, contrary to section 21(4A) of the 1956 Act, as inserted.

The first charge related to six English language films and the second related to 308 Indian language films. The defendant submitted that it was important for the prosecution to prove that at the time the offence took place copyright subsisted in the various films.

It was said that it had to be shown that the first authorized publication of the films took place in the United Kingdom or another country to which section 21(4A) extended. By virtue of the Copyright (International Conventions) Order (1979 SI No 1715) the United States of America, where the English language films were made, and India were countries to which section 21(4A) extended.

The prosecution called a number of witnesses in the category of licensees who derived their permission from the holders of the copyright to make the Indian films. The justices said that they were satisfied from that evidence that copyright subsisted.

The defendant said that it was necessary to adduce evidence from the makers of the films, or those who owned copyright, in order to establish that copyright subsisted. But the actual evidence of the witnesses established that authorized first publication took place in India and it also established a link with the makers or owners of the copyright of the film.

Accordingly, the prosecution clearly established in the case of the Indian films that copyright subsisted at the relevant time.

But in the case of the English language films there was no evidence similar to that in the case of the Indian films. There was no factual evidence as to where the films were first published.

The only evidence was that of the prosecutor himself who examined the films and deduced that they were American and bore all the hallmarks of pirate copies.

Accordingly, the prosecution had not discharged the onus on them of proving that copyright subsisted in relation to the English language films.

Section 18(3)(c) defined an "infringing copy" as "a copy of the film . . . the making of which constituted an infringement of the copyright in the . . . film . . . or, in the case of an imported article, would have constituted an infringement of that copyright if the article had been made in the place into which it was imported".

Accordingly, that was what had to be established and it was the means of establishing it which had given rise to controversy.

The magistrates were justified in inferring from the evidence called in the case of the Indian films that copyright subsisted and that the copies were not authorized copies so that the ingredients of the offence were made out.

But in the case of the English language films too much was taken for granted. The foundation of the existence of copyright was not established to show that the articles were infringing copies.

Since a criminal offence was charged, each element of the offence had to be sufficiently established.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans agreed.

Solicitors: Williams & James for Bottoms & Webb, Luton; Claude Hornby & Cox.

No duty on pedestrian to keep a look-out

Tremayne v Hill

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Sir Roger Ormrod

[Judgment November 25]

A pedestrian when crossing a multiple road junction was not under a duty either (1) to keep a look-out for motorists entering the junction against red traffic lights or (2) to make use of an adjacent pedestrian-controlled crossing.

It followed that a motorist who failed to stop at traffic lights was 100 per cent liable in negligence for injuries that he caused when colliding with a pedestrian who was crossing over the road junction.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Dennis Beverley Hill, from a decision of Mr Justice Macpherson, sitting at Blackpool District Registry on November 27, 1985, that he was solely liable for the injuries suffered by the plaintiff, Mr David William Tremayne.

Mr Richard Clegg, QC and Mr Timothy White for the defendant; Mr Michael Kershaw, QC and Mr Cecil Henriques for the plaintiff.

SIR ROGER ORMROD said that the appeal concerned only the issue of contributory negligence.

The plaintiff was crossing a complicated road junction at night when he was hit by the defendant's motor car soon after it had gone over the stop line when the traffic lights were red against the defendant. The defendant, who was not travelling fast, apparently had failed to see the plaintiff.

The judge found that the accident was caused wholly by the defendant's negligence.

On the appeal, the defendant suggested contributory negligence by the plaintiff of, perhaps, 50 per cent. It was said that there was a duty on the plaintiff to keep a proper look-out and to ensure that it was safe for him to cross before stepping out into the junction.

Further, it was argued that the plaintiff ought to have crossed at the adjacent light-controlled pedestrian crossing rather than where he had.

There was no duty in law imposed on a pedstrian only to cross at a light-controlled crossing. He could cross where he liked providing he took reasonable care of his own safety.

The judge had found that proceeding against the red traffic light was conclusive against the defendant. He was correct. The defendant had said that had the plaintiff looked left towards his oncoming car he would have seen it and that he was not entitled to assume traffic would stop on the light turning to red.

The plaintiff did not owe any specific duty of care to the defendant in this case. The traffic coming towards him was controlled by traffic lights and the plaintiff's failure to look down the road along which the defendant was approaching did not constitute contributory negligence. He was entitled to assume as he had, that the traffic would stop.

Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: John Whittle Robinson & Bailey, Preston; Roland, Robinsons & Fentons, Blackpool.

Sentencing for thefts from students

Regina v Connolly

Those who were convicted of "walk-in" thefts from students' rooms at universities and other institutions must expect to receive very severe sentences.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Roch) so stated on November 24 when dismissing the appeal of Kevin Francis Connolly against the sentence of six years' imprisonment imposed on him on July 8, 1986 at Oxford Crown Court (Mr Justice McNeil) on his plea of guilty to nine offences of burglary of student residences at Oxford and Cambridge, at a nurses' home in Guildford and at a probation hostel in Oxford, and to two offences of using a false instrument (using stolen cheques to obtain cash). Sixty-six further offences were taken into consideration.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that that kind of "walk-in" theft was a pestilential offence. It caused considerable hardship and difficulty to students, particularly in these days when many of them were on grants which might not be adequate for their needs.

The courts had got to make it clear that very severe sentences would be imposed on men who behaved like that, getting into students' rooms when they were out (for example at lectures) and stealing valuables which were much prized and which students had difficulty in replacing.

Warned List changes

Warned List Exercise

In the course of a statement on December 10 in the Queen's Bench Division on a Warned List exercise held on November 7, Mr Justice Michael Davies said that in his capacity as the present judge in charge of the lists, he had directed the Clerk of the Lists that while solicitors had the right to lodge consents to postpone cases in the Warned List, the clerk had a discretion whether to accept or refuse such consents and that as a general rule, consents to vacate fixed dates should not be accepted.

His Lordship had been asked by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice and Lord Justice Watkins to conduct an inquiry into the listing and disposal of non-jury cases in the Royal Courts of Justice.

At the end of October, as part of the inquiry, parties in all 158 cases in the non-jury Warned List were informed by letter that their cases would be listed for review on November 7, when his Lordship would expect to be informed of the up-to-date position in every case.

By November 7, 97 of those cases had either settled or hearing dates had been offered and they had disappeared from the Warned List.

MR JUSTICE MICHAEL DAVIES said that judges and those who ran the courts were tired of ill-informed writings and slick television and broadcast criticism which put the blame for delays in civil litigation principally, if not solely, upon the courts.

One of his Lordship's tasks was to ensure that any substance in such criticism was removed. More important, his desire was to improve, if possible to the stage where it was beyond criticism, the service which the courts provided for the lay clients.

To those ends the objective was that no non-jury case should reach the Warned List later than six months after it was set down and no such case should, without good reason, not be offered an opportunity of being heard within three weeks after it entered the Warned List.

The most striking fact which had emerged from the November 7 exercise was that the practice of lodging "consents" to stand cases out of the Warned List for anything from two weeks to six months had become a way of life and in many cases six or more consents to delay had been lodged and accepted.

His Lordship rejected the contention that so many parties were entitled to put off their cases as long as their solicitors requested. Such cases impeded the smooth and consistent progression of the Warned List. Requests to vacate fixed dates also caused great problems.

His Lordship had given the following directions to the Clerk of the Lists:

1 While solicitors had the right to lodge consents to postpone cases in the Warned List, the Clerk of the Lists had the right to accept or refuse them. It was impossible to lay down arbitrary criteria, but some factors involved were the age of the case and the length of postponement requested.

2 As a general rule consents to vacate fixed dates should not be accepted. The Clerk of the Lists had a discretion.

3 If the Clerk of the Lists refused consents in either of the above categories, she could refer the matter to the judge in charge of the lists. To save costs, written representations would be considered by the judge, but parties were always entitled to apply by counsel to the judge, or, after considering any written representations, the judge might direct that they should do so.

Consents should be far more informative than they often were.

Finally, his Lordship urged counsel, their solicitors and clerks to have cases ready for hearing on the fixed date, or when it was likely to be listed, and to make early requests and give full information to the Clerk of the Lists (to be put or confirmed in writing).

Home Secretary failed to consider illiteracy in immigration appeal

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Dinesh

Before Mr Justice Russell

[Judgment November 27]

Insufficient regard was paid by the Home Secretary to evidence that an applicant for registration as a British citizen, pursuant to section 8(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981 (registration of a woman by virtue of marriage), was illiterate and innumerate.

Mr Justice Russell so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when he allowed an application for *certiorari* by Rudiben Dinesh Bhima against the decision of the secretary of state declining to register her as a British citizen, in a letter dated April 24, 1985, on the basis that he was not satisfied as to the validity of her marriage to Dinesh Parbat Bhima, a British citizen, in accordance with section 8(1).

His Lordship refused to grant a declaration that the applicant was entitled to register as a British citizen pursuant to section 8(1).

Miss Kathryn Cronin for the applicant; Mr Michael F. Harris for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the only basis for the refusal by the secretary of state was that the applicant failed to show that she was the wife of Mr Dinesh. In all other respects it was accepted that the necessary criteria under section 8(1) were satisfied.

The applicant, now aged 30 and born in India, was illiterate and innumerate. She had been previously married at 16 and there were two children of that marriage, but her first husband had died. The registrations of death and, in respect of the two children, the births had been made some time after the respective dates.

A few months after the death of the first husband, allegedly on April 30, 1977, the applicant said that she went through a marriage ceremony with Mr Dinesh on May 26, 1978, and although the death of her first husband was not registered until as late as April 1978, there was no sinister significance, in his Lordship's view, as to the late registration.

Mr Harris had conceded that the purported marriage certificate was authentic but submitted that there were sufficient doubts as to whether a marriage had in fact taken place.

Miss Cronin submitted, *inter alia*, that the secretary of state and his officials had paid insufficient regard to the fact that the applicant was illiterate and innumerate, which fact could have explained admitted inaccuracies on dates and numbers, had paid insufficient regard to the authenticity of the marriage certificate, and misdirected himself in giving undue weight to discrepancies in her account of the marriage ceremony; and that, therefore, his decision was flawed on *Wednesbury* grounds: see ([1948] 1 KB 223).

His Lordship accepted those submissions and would therefore grant the application for an order of *certiorari*.

Solicitors: Miss Hilary F Plews, Hounslow; Treasury Solicitor.

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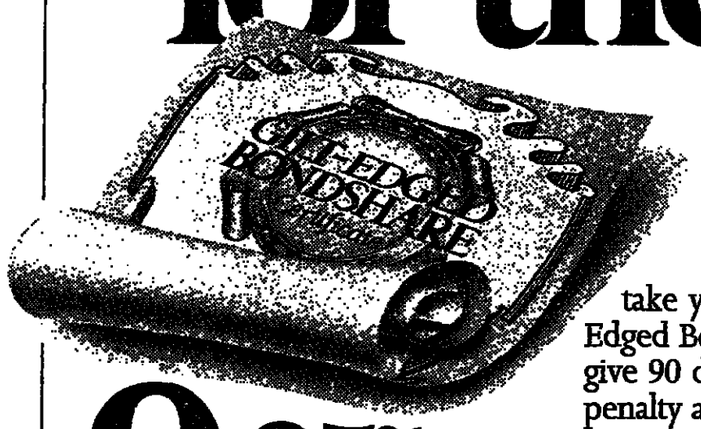

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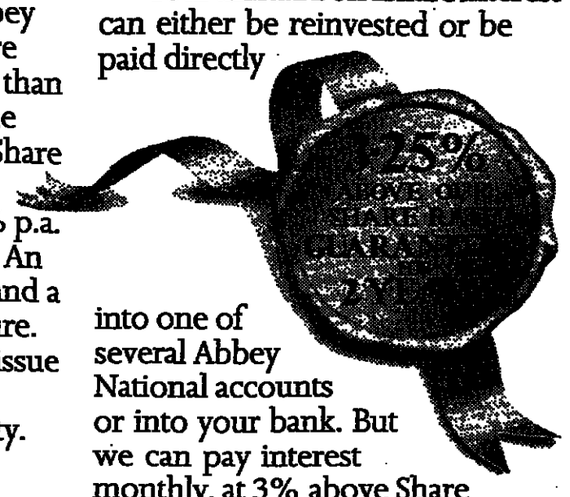

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FINLAND FOCUS A SPECIAL REPORT

Making neutrality work both ways

Finland, a small country on the doorstep of a large and powerful one, has pursued a foreign policy which combines good relations with the Soviet Union and close ties to the West. The post-war period has been marked by political stability and a growing economy

For the last few years Finland has experienced a period of unprecedented political calm, coupled with economic prosperity. Unlike earlier, short-lived governments, the four-party coalition headed by Kalevi Sorsa has remained in office since its formation after the 1983 general election.

But this calm is now turning to busy speculation as the Finns prepare for two crucial elections. A general election will be held next March, followed by a presidential election 10 months later, in January, 1988.

At issue will be the position of the Conservative Party which has not been in government since the 1960s but which is now the second biggest party and is being courted by both the Social Democrats, the biggest party, and the Centre Party. Also at issue is whether the communists, once a powerful force in Finnish politics, will continue their headlong decline.

One thing is certain. Given the country's system of proportional representation, no party can even dream of having a majority of its own in the Eduskunta, the single-chamber Parliament.

Usually the biggest party receives roughly a quarter of the vote and a quarter of the seats, and elections are followed by often difficult negotiations for the formation of a new coalition.

Finland has long held a distinctive position on the European scene. As a result of its long border with the Soviet Union, and the two wars it fought with Russia in 1939-40 and 1941-44, it has evolved its own sophisticated form of neutrality.

This enables it to have a treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance with Moscow while politically and economically it has close links with Western Europe.

The policy is known as the Paasikivi line, after the country's president in the post-war period, and in its essentials it is not going to change, whatever coalition is formed next year.

But it has led to certain inhibitions on Finnish political life, in the understandable interests of not upsetting the Russians; and participation of the Conservatives in the government would be significant because it was generally assumed to be objections from Moscow which kept them out in the past.

The tight control over Finnish political life maintained for many years by former President Urho Kekkonen, often on the grounds that any alternative to him and his policies would disturb Moscow, has been eased by his successor, Mauno Koivisto.

There has also, significantly, been more open criticism of the Soviet Union in recent years, reflecting a public opinion *that has no illusions about* its neighbour. But such criticism is still limited, and is not officially encouraged.

The present coalition is centre-left and made up of the Social Democrats, Mr Sorsa's party, the Centre Party, the Swedish People's Party, representing Finland's Swedish-speaking minority, and the populist Rural Party.

Of these, only the Rural Party is expected to lose heavily, so that there is a temptation to continue the co-operation between the Social Democrats and the Centre Party which has been the backbone of most coalitions since the war.

But the Conservatives have grown in strength recently, which means that it is more and more difficult to leave them out.

There is in addition a close connection with the presidential election due in 1988. President Koivisto, a Social Democrat, is a clear favourite for re-election, but Paavo Vayrynen, the Foreign Minister, has already been nominated by the Centre Party, which he leads.

Mr Vayrynen is an ambitious man who has his eyes on the 1994 election, if not next year's, and his only chance of winning either is by getting the support of a broad non-socialist front including the Conservatives.

It is the long rivalry of the Conservatives and the Centre Party which has led to the situation in which both the presidency and the prime ministership are held by Social Democrats, and many non-socialists would like to see an end of it.

The decline of the communists is another sign of a long-term evolution in Finnish life. The *Communist Party* (SKP) was the biggest party in the post-war period and had 25 per cent of the vote as recently as 1958.But for a number of reasons, not least the country's increasing prosperity, it has lost more than half its support.

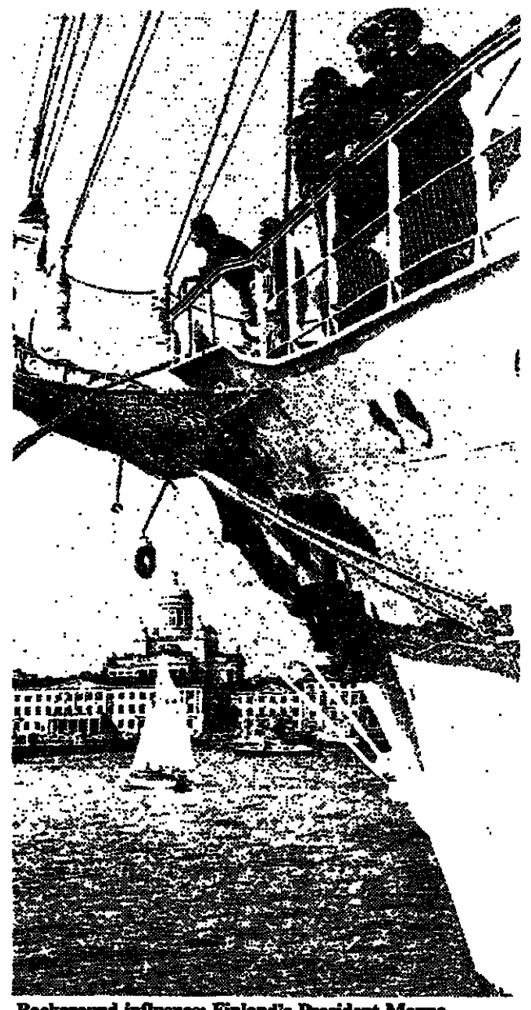
The long-term wrangling in the party has now led, for the first time, to the communists going into the election split into two separate parties.

The Eurocommunist majority has retained its grip on the SKP, and on the SKDL, the front organization in Parliament, which includes a handful of independent socialists. But the Stalinist faction has been forced to form its own organization, Deva.

Each wing had hoped for exclusive support from Moscow, but both were disappointed last month when the Soviet party let it be known that it would maintain relations with both. And according to opinion polls both face the prospect of losses in the election.

Olli Kivinen

Tight control over political life has eased



Background influence: Finland's President Mauno Koivisto, top left, is watched over by a huge portrait of Lenin as he meets a Soviet delegation. Helsinki's South Harbour, above, is dominated by the neo-classical domes and pediments of the Lutheran cathedral. Nearby, the city's fish sellers ply from their boats

No fears of the mighty neighbour

Max Jakobson, the Finnish diplomat and author, wrote not long ago: "Finland is forever at the mercy of the itinerant columnist who after lunch and cocktails in Helsinki is ready to pronounce himself upon the fate of the Finnish people.

"A person visiting, say, London for the first time, who does not know English and has only a vague notion of the significance of Dunkirk or the role of Winston Churchill, would hardly be regarded as qualified to comment on the *British* scene today.

"An equally profound ignorance about Finland is no deterrent . . . "

This much, and more, Finland has in common with its close Nordic relatives; the perception abroad that because a nation is blessed with a small population and relative freedom from the depredations of mass tourism it must be an uncomplicated society whose nature is instantly comprehensible to the *minority of* sophisticated globe-trotters who visit from time to time.

The resulting clichés differ slightly from one Nordic country to another but the exasperation they arouse, verging at times on fury, is much the same. Next time you meet a Norwegian or Swede, try describing Oslo or Stockholm as "provincial".

And if you ever should happen to find yourself in *Helsinki*, see *what happens* when you raise the subject of "Finlandization"— by which Finland is said to have come under Soviet influence. The reaction will be sharp.

Questioned on Finlandization, Finns argue with increasing vehemence that there has not been, even in the immediate post-war years, any question of subservience to, or fear of, their mighty neighbour to the east. That has been a conceit of the superpowers and of those who tend to define everything that happens in terms of superpower politics.

What danger there is may well in fact emanate from the West, as the benefits of integrated trading and financing activities threaten to exact a heavy price in the cultural vitiation of a complex and almost brutally self-reliant society.

On this view the much discussed "balancing act" between East and West is in the end more a balance of national interests than of ideologies or apprehensions. The facts, it is argued, speak for themselves:

- Helsinki is one of only three belligerent European capitals — the others are Moscow and *London — not to have been* occupied during the Second World War.
- About 80 per cent of Finland's foreign trade is with the West.
- Finland is now the sixth richest nation in Western Europe.
- The Finnish communist movement, in which a long-standing schism has during the past year been formalized into two separate parties, is an *impotent* shambles, and has been for years.
- Finland is a neutral nation and has been since the war.

In this regard, Mr Jakobson makes a very telling point:

"All the countries liberated by the Western allies are now members of Nato; all the countries liberated by the Soviet Union are members of the Warsaw Pact. The only countries which remain outside the two blocs are those which managed to stay out of the war, plus two: Finland, which was not occupied, and Yugoslavia, which liberated itself."

The death this year of former President Urho Kekkonen, venerated as one of the architects of Finnish neutrality, was an event of great symbolic significance. But his successor, Dr Mauno Koivisto, had long since established his own style, which follows the same general lines, and in October he reaffirmed it in a thoughtful speech coincidentally delivered barely a week after the Reykjavik summit.

It is only a slight exaggeration to say that the president's address to the Paasikivi Society caused almost as much of a stir in the Nordic countries as the summit itself.

Dr Koivisto spoke in favour of a Nordic nuclear-free zone, supported by Finland. But his most novel departure was his suggestion of a new agreement on confidence-building measures designed to prevent naval clashes in the Nordic region.

He referred to the naval build-up in the region, to the fact that both ships and aircraft were now carrying cruise missiles, and specifically to Swedish concern over the activities of Soviet submarines.

Starting points for such confidence-building measures already existed, he suggested, in the 1972 agreement between the Americans and the Russians designed to prevent incidents at sea, and that should be extended to other countries' warships.

He concluded: "There should be an effort to favour restraint in implementing sea exercises and landing manoeuvres and, in the final analysis, to tone down the arms race".

Unexceptionable sentiments, surely, especially from the president of a neutral and admirably stable nation. But the exegeses raged on for weeks. The final consensus was that it exemplified unmistakably, by addressing its suggestions and implied criticisms to the East as well as to the West, the neutrality of Finland.

Any Finn will explain this to you, patiently and at length, if you but ask. They are a kindly people that way and admirably eloquent in a foreign tongue — their own language, as is vividly put by Jaakko Iloniemi, general manager of the Union Bank of Finland, having functioned for untold centuries "not only as an impediment to reaching out, but also as a protective wall against foreign intrusion".

But given all that, at this late date, might it be just possible, where this precious neutrality of the Finnish nation is concerned, that the Finns continue to protest just a shade too much?

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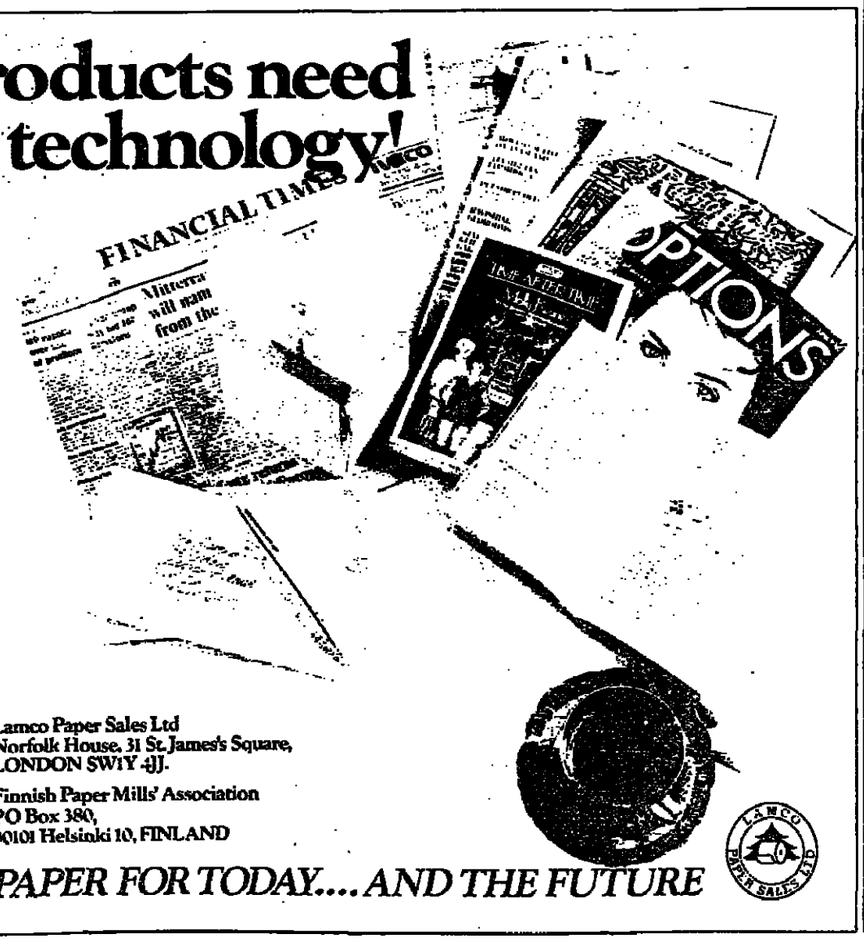

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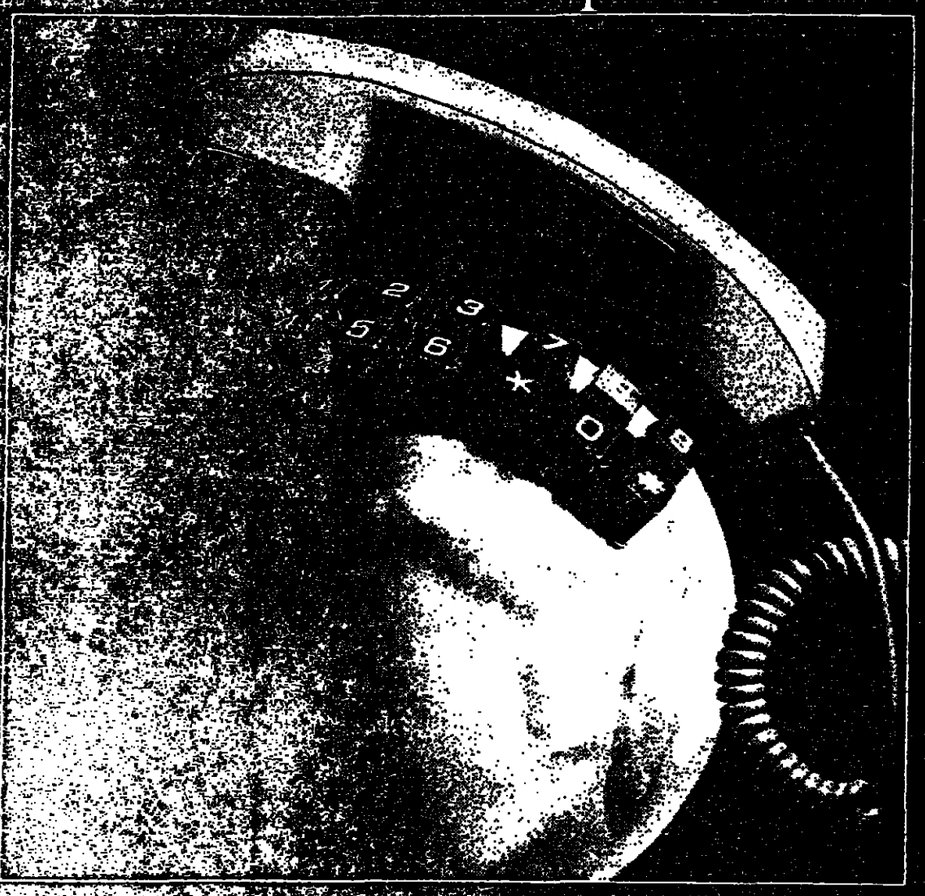

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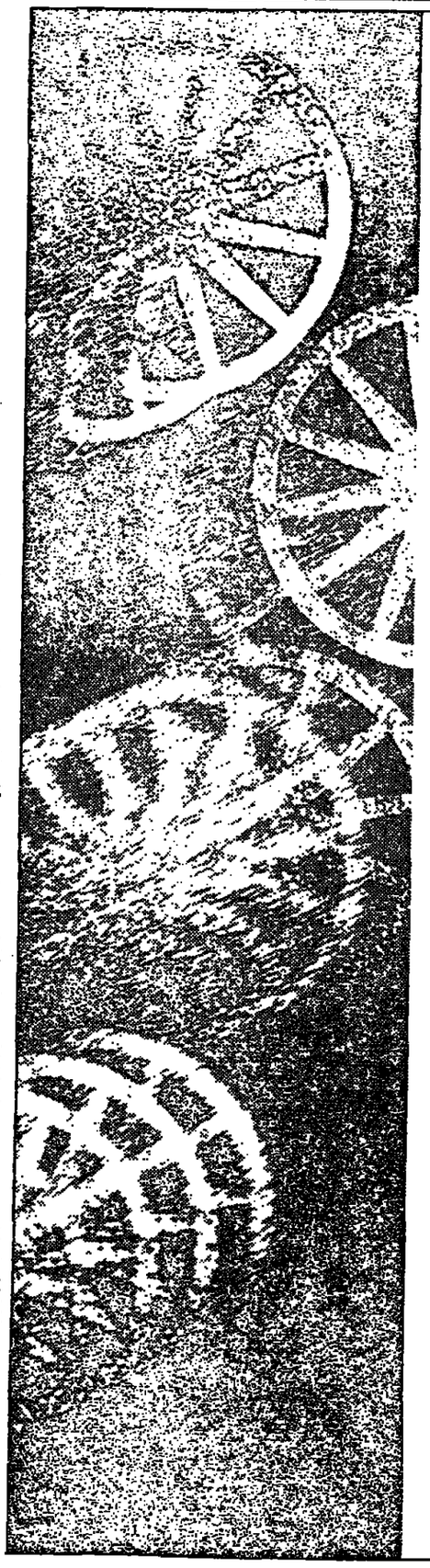

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Bright outlook as the Finns look West for new markets

The last few months have seen a considerable brightening in Finland's economic outlook after a dismal first half of the year. Exporters in particular are happy with the strong demand that has been shown in West European and North American markets.

Finland is in a curious position because the fall in oil prices and the US dollar were a mixed blessing for her. In the long run the fall is naturally a beneficial factor, but in the short run Finland's stabilizing and profitable trade with the Soviet Union has suffered serious setbacks.

The reason is simple. Trade with the Soviet Union is conducted almost exclusively on a bilateral barter basis. This means that imports and exports must balance at the end of each five-year agreement; and Finland's imports from Russia consist almost entirely of raw materials, with oil playing a major role.

So the Finns have embarked on an extensive search to find more to import from Russia to maintain their level of exports. But the results have been meagre as Soviet industry is by and large unable to produce goods that would be competitive in an open Western market.

The trade with the Soviet Union, which has been running at around one-fifth of Finland's foreign trade, has already this year led to a Finnish surplus of four billion Finnmarks (almost £600 million).

This means that Finnish exports to the Soviet Union will fall by about 15 per cent this year, though both sides have made strenuous efforts to avoid a major fall.

For Finland, trade with the Soviet Union has always been an important means of avoiding high unemployment and offsetting the full force of Western recessions. It has played a major role in Finland's post-war economic success story, which has lifted her from nowhere to among the dozen wealthy nations with a per capita GNP one quarter higher than that of Britain.

Cutbacks in bilateral exports have created difficulties for firms which are not able to adjust to changed circumstances. The worst affected are the textile, clothing, leather and shoe industries.

All this means that the employment situation has worsened considerably, and it is feared that it will rise to somewhere near 7 per cent, which is higher than at any time during the last decade.

The Finnish and Soviet authorities have held discussions in an attempt to avoid a drastic fall in their exchanges. Among other things, different credit methods have been discussed. The newest and, in the long term, potentially most promising ideas are to do with joint ventures.

The Soviet leadership has invited leading Finnish businessmen to talks on the subject. But they are still at an early stage, and progress cannot be quick because, for one thing, Soviet legislation in areas such as the repatriation of profits to Finland would have to be changed.

The fall in oil prices has, however, led at the same time to faster growth in Western markets and there are already clear signs that Finland's attempt to sell the capacity released from Eastern trade to the West is succeeding.

All this has led the Finance Ministry to revise its predicted growth rate back to 3 per cent this winter.

Finland has been able to maintain a rapid growth of roughly 3 per cent for a number of years, but 1986 threatened to pull her to below the OECD average. It seems likely, however, that the quickly improving situation will enable her to end this year with a 2 per cent growth.

Finland has traditionally been an inflation-prone country and the spectre of rising prices is again visible. Consumer prices rose between December 1985 and October 1986 by 3.3 per cent.

But the last two months of the year should be calmer, so that the annual inflation figure should be roughly 3.5 per cent.

Another worry is that the price competitiveness of Finnish industry is, in terms of relative unit labour costs, below its long-term average, and will this year further deteriorate.

But the long-term economic policies, which have brought about rapid growth and stable conditions, have not after all had a real setback this year.

Even so, during the spring the economic consensus which the employers, the trade unions and the government have observed for more than a decade, showed clear signs of breaking down when the country experienced a number of strikes.

It is likely that the economic consensus, which has been marked by wide-ranging centralized agreements on wages, prices and taxes, will have a slightly easier year ahead even though the March elections may cause some pressures.

On the other hand, this year has brought with it a new phenomenon, speculative pressures against the Finnmark. Increased use of the Finnmark as a payment currency, foreigners' Mark-denominated portfolio investments in Finland and the expansion of Finnish companies' economic activities abroad have fostered interest in Finland and the Finnmark.

In the spring, rumours about an impending devaluation of the Finnmark prompted some foreign economic agents to hedge their Finnmark claims. The Bank of Finland had to fight back with its limited weapons.

The call money rate was finally raised to 40 per cent and after a period of tense waiting it helped to calm the markets. The country was, however, saddled with a period of very high interest rates which in turn slowed down real investment.

The whole affair of the defence of the Finnmark has left the country pondering the difficulties that the convertible currency of a small country faces in today's world.

Olli Kivinen

Logland: wood exports are a major part of Finnish economy

War and peace with the Russians

Finnish history can be said to have begun when various groups speaking a Finno-Ugrian language arrived from across what is now the Gulf of Finland.

Tacitus, the Roman historian, referred to a people called the Fenni, who may have been Finns or perhaps Lapps, a different, earlier group.

In about AD 1155, King Eric IX of Sweden decided that the Finns should be incorporated into Christendom and arrived there in force, accompanied by an Englishman, Bishop Henry of Uppsala, whom he left behind in charge of a newly founded bishopric. Henry was murdered, and became Finland's patron saint.

This was the beginning of several centuries of association with Sweden during which Swedish settlers moved in and the country became a grand duchy within the Swedish kingdom. There were, however, constant wars between Sweden and the growing power of Russia, many of them fought over Finnish territory. Eventually, the Swedish-Finnish aristocracy began to think of enlisting Russian help in support of greater independence, and in 1809 this led to a treaty in which Finland passed from Sweden to Russia and Tsar Alexander I became Grand Duke.

Finland had a special status under Tsarist rule and, in response to a growing sense of Finnish nationalism, it was decreed that for the first time the Finnish language should have equal standing with Swedish. Both languages are still official.

After Alexander II was assassinated in 1881 there was increasing pressure from St Petersburg, culminating in the abrogation of the Finnish constitution and a policy of Russification which for a time made Russian the official language.

By the time of the Russian revolution in 1917 Finland had had enough of Russian rule and, with the approval of Lenin, declared its independence. But that was immediately followed by a civil war when Finnish Red Guards, sympathetic to the Bolsheviks, tried to seize power. They were confronted by General, later Marshal, Gustaf Mannerheim who, at the head of the White Guards, and with German support, defeated them.

There was then a curious interlude when the Finnish government invited the Prince of Hesse, brother-in-law of the Kaiser, to become king. But the idea was dropped after the end of the First World War.

In 1939, after the Nazi-Soviet Pact, Stalin demanded territorial concessions from Finland and, when they were refused, invaded. In the subsequent Winter War, Finland won the admiration of the world for its resistance, headed once again by Marshal Mannerheim. But it had to come to terms in 1940.

Finland went to war for a second time in 1941 when, in alliance with the Germans, it invaded the Soviet Union. It made some impressive gains but eventually had to recognize that it had chosen the wrong side.

In 1944 it negotiated new peace terms which included the stipulation that it should drive all German troops out of Finnish territory, the loss of territory in the Arctic and Karelia, and heavy reparations. It also had to grant a Soviet base on the Porkkala peninsula outside Helsinki.

The Finns met the terms. They also decided that, with the Soviet Union more powerful than ever, they had to establish a *modus vivendi* with it, and that was the basis for their policy of neutrality, and in particular the treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance signed with Moscow in 1948 and renewed regularly since.

The Finns were later rewarded by Soviet withdrawal from the Porkkala base, and over the years have been able cautiously to build up links with Western Europe.

They are now full members of the European Free Trade Association (Efta), have joined the European Space Agency and are taking part with other Western European countries in the Eureka high technology project.

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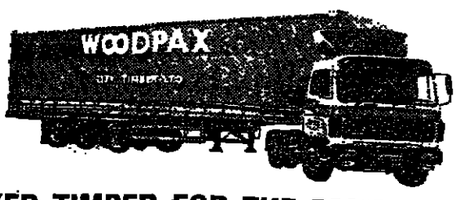

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Breaking new ground: Sallinen's latest opera, The King Goes Forth to France, due for a British première next year

Opera's new home

About a month ago, Gustav Björkstrand, the Arts Minister, caused a small explosion near the centre of Helsinki; he was ceremonially blasting the first piece of rock on the site of a new national opera house.

The Finnish National Opera and the opera-going public had been waiting for the occasion eagerly, indeed desperately, for years because it had been deferred again and again since plans were finalized in 1979.

Long and furious arguments had been raging about the site, size, costs and funding of the building. Indeed, at times the entire project had been in danger of extinction through political infighting, as well as hostility from competing interests and certain philistine senior civil servants in the Finnish Treasury.

Yet a new opera house has been needed for a long time. The National Opera works in a charming but hopelessly small Victorian house which seats only about 500; the demand for seats has become overwhelming.

The reason is that opera has long since ceased to be "elitist" in Finland; it has become a popular art form. This is largely due to the Savonlinna Opera Festival, held each summer in the courtyard of a splendid medieval castle in the south-east Finnish lakeland.

Four, or even five, operas are presented over some four weeks to a capacity audience of well over 2,000 each evening.

The works cover a wide range: the current repertoire includes the fascinating and disturbing *The King Goes Forth to France*, by the Finnish composer Aulis Sallinen – a joint Savonlinna-Covent Garden-BBC commission to be seen at the Royal Opera House next April – *Aida*, and *The Magic Flute* in August Everding's evergreen production. The success of the latter has been so great that it will enter its 15th season next summer.

It was during the artistic directorship of the great bass Martti Talvela, between 1972 and 1980, that Savonlinna achieved its international stature, ably maintained by his successors; and it was the success of this festival that created the abiding interest in opera that is so remarkable.

No less remarkable is the continuous welling up of singing talent. The National Opera maintains an ensemble of a respectable standard; some of its members are of international stature.

For example, Jorma Hynninen, one of the directors of the National Opera, is undoubtedly one of the greatest baritones of our time, equally masterly on the opera stage and on the Lied platform, yet curiously neglected by the major recording companies.

However, the present small house cannot accommodate all the talent that keeps emerging and many Finnish singers have made their careers abroad. Thus Martti Talvela has been followed on the international circuit by other basses, notably the Wagner singer Matti Salminen, and latterly Jaakko Ryhänen. The young soprano Karita Mattila is becoming a well-liked guest at the Royal Opera House. There are many others.

But the vigour of Finnish musical life is not confined to opera. There are two remarkable chamber music festivals held in summer. Oddly enough, both are founded and run by cellists. The festivals are held at the ancient city of Naantali in the south-east in June by Arto Noras, and in Kuhmo in the north-eastern backwoods in July and August by Seppo Kimanen.

Finnish music has long since emerged from the shadow of Sibelius. Composers such as Joonas Kokkonen and Aulis Sallinen, Einojuhani Rautavaara, Einar Englund and Erik Bergman speak with highly individual voices. They are being followed by a younger generation creating original, bold and even radical music. Their names are mostly unknown abroad as yet, but some at least will make their mark in future years.

Erkki Arni

Lapps, lakes and an all-year Santa

Sledge for the sick: reindeer that become ill are too valuable for the Lapps to abandon. Every aspect of nomadic Lapp life is geared to these remarkable animals

The Finns are fortunate in their tourists; most people who make the effort to go there are both appreciative and knowledgeable about the country. They go for expanses of lakeland and forest or bare rocky coastlines and islands, for striking modern architecture or painted medieval churches, for festivals of music in picturesque settings.

But the Finns are not above cashing in commercially on some of the clichés that persist about a remote, supposedly snowbound, northern country. This accounts for the success of the "Santa Claus land" tours by which you can pop over for a day trip on Concorde – twice a year, on Midsummer's Day as well as Christmas Eve.

It is vastly expensive, but you are guaranteed no exertion greater than lifting your champagne glass. And there is nothing wrong with a trip that carries you through the holiday period in spectacularly exotic scenery well away from a British Christmas – though the nature-conscious Finns might think twice about the use of snow scooters in their precious wilderness.

Blue Wings, Finnair's in-flight magazine, even had an exclusive interview with Santa noting that the great man is put out by the clichés that have blurred his image.

He would not, he points out, be caught dead at the North Pole ("a dump!"), nor does he fancy climbing down a chimney even if he could fit.

"All those misunderstandings happen because I'm so busy" he said. "I simply don't have time to let people know about all my comings and goings. There are so many children in the world . . .

"In fact, my territory proper consists of Korvatunturi only, an Arctic fell in Lapland, but the Finns have understood my value as an internationally famous figure – even if I say so myself. That is why they let me call the whole northern part of Lapland 'Christmasland' and have officially declared that to be its name."

Apart from such exotica, the Finnish Tourist Board identifies a commercial trinity of prime holiday destinations: Lapland, Lakeland (in eastern Finland) and Leningrad, as well as events of cultural and sporting interest. There are about 1,500 "events" annually, including world-standard concerts in magnificent settings.

Visa-free cruises to Leningrad are to be reintroduced next year, and cheap cruises or train journeys to Soviet destinations are favourites among Finns as well as foreign tourists.

Possibly with the exception of Iceland, which is expecting a tourist boom next summer thanks to publicity generated by the summit meeting earlier this year, Finland is the least visited of the Nordic countries with no more than 500,000 tourists a year, predominantly Swedes and West Germans.

The Japanese have been discovering Finland of late, with winter honeymoons in Lapland something of a growth industry. Couples are said to find the combination of exotic scenery and long hours of darkness irresistibly romantic, and another Finnish speciality, the sauna, is a particular hit.

One cliché, at least, has been demolished – that Finland is a land of 60,000 lakes. A group at the Oulu University counted them last year, by hand, on maps to the scale 1:20,000 and discovered there are exactly 187,888 lakes. The advertisements now round it up to 200,000.

For their own holidays, the Finns tend to gravitate to their cabins on one or another of the lakes, or head south, leaving magnificent coastal reaches largely to the Swedes.

But perhaps the most rewarding aspect of being a tourist, or even a business traveller, is a national passion for design, evident wherever you go.

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'Arctic design' for very cold weather

It is worth looking out for examples of "Arctic design", the adaptation of industrial products to extremely cold weather. To many Finns, even an ice-breaker plying the Baltic is a thing of beauty and their cruise ships are designed and run to a standard which make some workaday Nordic passenger services suffer humiliation.

Most striking to the British visitor, and other more southern races, is the perpetual darkness of winter – inside as well as out. The Finns, like all the Nordic people, are obsessed with light. They spend half the year exercising all their internationally famous design skills in the struggle to soften an environment from which illumination has fled, and the other half glorying in its abundance.

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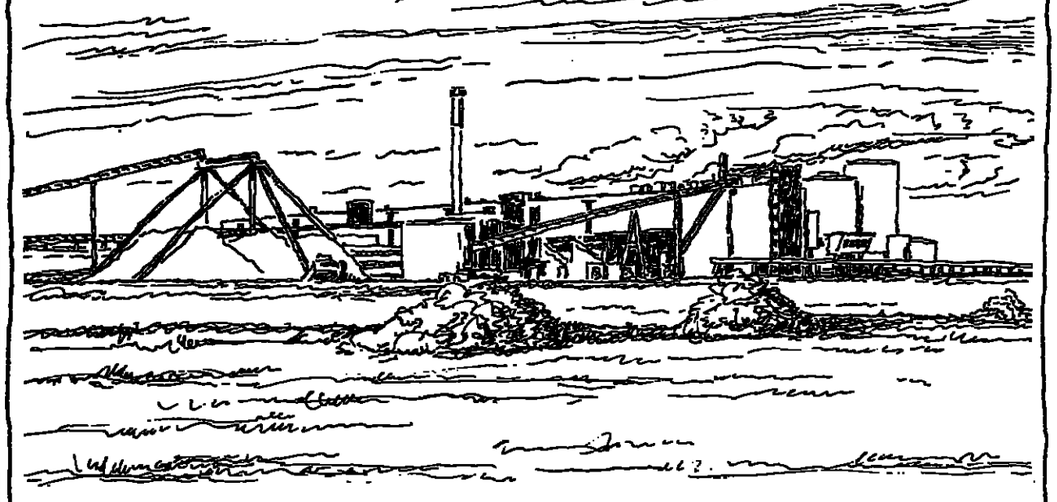

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Mrs Burges Watson had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Monsieur Kiril Shterev and Madame Shtereva were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the People's Republic of Bulgaria to the Court of St James's.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended Hearings and the General Assembly of the FEI at the Waldorf Hotel today.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President of the FEI, accompanied by Her Royal Highness, this evening attended a dinner and presented the prizes for the TARMAC/FEI International Showjumping Competition at Saddlers' Hall.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM and Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 10: Brigadier Helen Meechie today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Women's Royal Army Corps, upon relinquishing her appointment as Director of the Corps.

Brigadier Shirley Nield also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming her appointment as Director of the Women's Royal Army Corps.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 10: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Royal Fine Art Commission, 7 St James's Square, SW1.

Sir John Riddell, Bt was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Knightsbridge Association at Knightsbridge Barracks.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Anderson was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening attended a Charity Concert given by Eurythmics in aid of the Trust at Wembley Arena.

Viscountess Campden and Mr Humphrey Mews were in attendance.

December 10: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited the United Biscuits Factory at Waxlow Road, Harlesdon, London NW10.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Cot Death Research, The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, was present this evening at a Charity Preview of *An Italian Straw Hat* at the Shaftesbury Theatre of Comedy, London WC2.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
December 10: The Duke of Kent today opened the new tunnel for the A1(M) at Hatfield and the new extension at Hertfordshire Police Headquarters, Welwyn Garden City. His Royal Highness later opened new offices for Broxbourne Borough Council, Hertfordshire.

Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, this evening attended a Royal Television Society video presentation of 50 years of British Television at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington, London W8.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, President, today attended the Congregation of Awards Ceremony at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, and in the evening attended a Concert by the Students of the College.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Christening
The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gray was baptised Olivia Mary by the Very Rev Dr Leonard Small, at St Columba's, Pont Street, on December 7, 1986. The godparents are Mr Charles Gray and Ms Jacqueline Martell.

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Captain R.S. Elwell and Miss E.M. Urbina
The engagement is announced between Richard Stuart Elwell, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, of 116 Gloucester Terrace, London, W2, only son of the late Major and Mrs D.M. Elwell, and Lisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Urbina, of 3,000 SW 128 Avenue, Miami, Florida, and Caribbean Shores, Belize.

Mr S.J. Gorgenyi and Miss Z.D. Rankin
The engagement is announced between Stefan Istvan Gorgenyi, of New York, son of the late Mr and Mrs George Gorgenyi, of Budapest, and Zara Daisi, daughter of Mr Ian Rankin and Mrs George Asseily.

Mr C.M. Hunt and Miss J.D. Clarey
The engagement is announced between Christian, elder son of Mrs B.Y. Hunt and the late Mr V.A.M. Hunt, CBE, of Manaton, Devon, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.V.E. Clarey, of Wadhurst, Sussex.

Mr D. Judge and Miss M.L. Kay-Butler
The engagement is announced between Desmond, youngest son of the late Mr Michael Judge and of Mrs Angela Judge, of Sligo, Republic of Ireland, and Martine Lesley, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Julian J. Kay-Butler, of Retford, Nottinghamshire.

Mr J.C.S.R. Milligan-Manby and Miss E.J.O. Walker
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of the late Mr R.A.S. Milligan-Manby and Mrs M.G.H. Parkes, and stepson of Captain M.G.H. Parkes, of Thorganby Hall, Lincolnshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Judge and Mrs J.D. Walker, of Beverley, Yorkshire.

Mr J.A. Stewart and Miss V.M. Walker
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.W. Stewart, of 3 Pelham Place, London, SW7, and Veryan, younger daughter of the late Major J.C. Walker and of Mrs Walker, of Southleigh House, Sutton Veny, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mr M.J. Storey and Miss S.K. Oscroft
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Ivor Storey, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, and Sian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Oscroft, of Bisham, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.J. Warnes and Miss C.A. Fann
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs M. Evans, of East Herrington, Sunderland, and Charity, second daughter of Mr and Mrs M.W. Fann, of Staplehurst, Kent.

Marriage

Mr J.J. Herbert, RHA, and Miss A.J. Walker
The marriage took place on Saturday, December 6, at St Stephen's, Dulwich, of Mr Jeremy John Herbert, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Herbert, of Elstree, and Miss Alison Jayne Walker, only daughter of Mr R.B. Walker and the late Mrs D.J. Walker, of Sydenham.

Sale room

£91,000 is paid for Dali necklace

By Huon Mallalieu

In New York on Tuesday a surrealist necklace designed by Salvador Dali sold for $182,000, or £91,034, going to a collector from London. It consisted of an amethyst surrounded by a tangle of gold and diamond arms and legs, or perhaps branches, and suspended from a gold, diamond and sapphire chain.

According to Dali it was a "coreographic neckace" and it came with a watercolour design dated 1964 (estimated $90,000 to $120,000). The jewellery sale, held by Christies, made a total of $4,036,505, or £1,783,796, with 16 per cent bought in.

Christies also offered jewellery in London yesterday making £917,598, with only 3 per cent bought in. A ruby and diamond necklace, together with a matching floral spray brooch and ear clips, went to London Hilton Jewellery at £60,500 (estimate £35,000-£45,000).

An Italian dealer paid £39,600 for a handsome square-cut emerald ring with a stone weighing 2.35 carats (estimate £8,000-£10,000).

Glendinings, the coin division of Phillips, dispersed the collection of ancient Greek coins belonging to the late Olga H Knoepke of Newtown, Connecticut.

Perhaps the earliest known commemorative coin, a silver dekadrachma of Syracuse, struck in honour of the Greek victories in Sicily in about 400BC, was bought by Spink at £27,500. This coin was last on the market in 1955 when it was sold by Glendinings for £500 (estimate £12,000-£18,000).

In Glasgow, a sale of art nouveau and twentieth century decorative arts held by Christies saw a surprising price of £12,650 which was paid for a bronze and ivory figure of a female archer modelled by Ferdinand Preiss (estimate £3,000-£5,000).

Memorial services

Mr S. Young
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Hugh Bidwell, were present at a celebration for the life and work of Mr Stuart Young held yesterday in Guildhall. The Prime Minister read from *Ecclesiasticus*. The Rev Dr Colin Morris, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC, officiated. Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi, read from *Civilisation by* Elie Wiesel, Lord Wolfson read from *Civilisation* by Kenneth Clark, and Mr Alwyn Roberts, Vice-Principal of the University College of North Wales and BBC National Governor for Wales, read from *Meditations* of Marcus Aurelius.

Mr Bill Cotton, Managing Director of BBC Television, Sir William Rees-Mogg, Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain, Mr Alasdair Milne, Director-General of the BBC, and Lord Young of Graffham, brother, Secretary of State for Employment, gave the addresses. The BBC Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Mr James Loughran and the London Jewish Male Choir was directed by Rabbi Dr Julian Shindler. Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Lord President of the Council, and Viscountess Whitelaw, the Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for the Home Department, and Baroness Young, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, attended. The Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Diplomatic Service were represented by Mr N.J. Barrington. Others present included:
Mrs Young (widow), Mr and Mrs Denis Aaronson (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Lynda Young (daughter), Mrs Betty Young (mother), Lady Young of Graffham (sister-in-law), Mr Bernard Rix, QC, and the Hon Mrs Rix, the Hon Judith Young, Mr J Kasierer.
The Ambassador of Israel and Mrs Avner, the Egyptian Ambassador and Mrs Shaarawi and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; Earl and Countess Spencer, the Earl and Countess of Harewood, Lady Wolfson, Lord and Lady Swaythling, Lord Bonham-Carter, Lord Annan, Baroness Serota, Lord Goodman, CH, Lady Faulkner of Downpatrick, Lord and Lady Quinton, Lady James.
Mr M J Hussey (Chairman of the BBC) with Lord Barnett (vice-chairman), Miss Jocelyn Barrow, Mr and Mrs Walter Pease, Dr and Mrs James Kincade, Miss Daphne Park, Lady Parkes, Sir John and Lady Boyd, Sir Curtis and Lady Keeble, Sir Michael Cleeland, Mr and Mrs Malcolm McAlpine, Mr and Mrs Brian Wenham, Mr and Mrs John Tusa, the Hon Simon Howard, Mr Michael Gede, Rear Admiral Christopher Martin, Mr Alan Protheroe, Mr Christopher Bell, Mr and Mrs Bryce McCormick, Mr Geraint Stanley Jones, Miss Patricia Hodgson, Mrs P Jefferson, Mr Frank Fitzpatrick, Mr David Hatch, Sir Roger and Lady Cary, Mr Stephen Heard, Mr John Drummond, Mr David Barlow, Miss Margaret Douglas, Mr and Mrs David Holmes, Mr Patrick Chalmers, Mr and Mrs Alan Hart, Mr and Mrs Paul Fox, Mr and Mrs James Hawthorne, Mr Gareth Price, Mr Cliff Morgan, Mr Graeme McDonald, Mr Michael Barton, Mr and Mrs Robert Rowland and Mr and Mrs Michael Bunce.
Lord Thomson of Monifieth (Chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority) and Lady Thomson with Mrs Jill McIvor, Mr John Whitney, Mr John Thompson, Mr David Glencross and Miss Barbara Hosking, Mr Leon Brittan, QC, MP, Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, (representing the Labour Party), Mr David Steel, MP, (Leader of the Liberal Party), the Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, and Mrs Janner, Lady Rees-Mogg, Sir Ian and Lady Trethowan, Sir Jack and Lady Johnston, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Roger Young, Lady Howe, Sir Hugh and Lady Greene, Lady Flowers, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Professor Sir Randolph Quirk (President of the British Academy), Sir Denis Forman, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Sir Peter and Lady Masefield, Sir Monty Finniston, Sir Leslie and Lady Porter, Sir Basil and Lady Eastwood, Sir Patrick Meaney, Mr Ellis Birk and Baroness Birk, Group Captain and the Hon Mrs Hugh Dundas.
Mrs Alasdair Milne, Mrs Alwyn Roberts, Mrs Colin Morris, Mr Giles Shaw, MP, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, Mr and Mrs Michael Shea, Mr Bernard Ingham, Mr and Mrs Richard Francis, Mr and Mrs Paul Hughes, Mr and Mrs Austin Kark, Mr Terence Lancaster, Mr Frank Gillard, Mr and Mrs John Wilkinson, Mr and Mrs John Grist, Mr Leonard Miall, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, Mr and Mrs Brian Tesler, Miss Monica Sims, Mr and Mrs Barrie Jay, Dr and Mrs Harold Davis, Mr Jarvis Astaire, Mrs S Rix, Mr and Mrs D Rose, Mrs H Oestreicher, Mr and Mrs E Dell, Dr and Mrs L Kopelowitz, Mr R Franklin, Mr and Mrs Alan Aarons, Mr and Mrs S Bernstein, Mr and Mrs G Baker, Mr P Oliver, Mr H Spencer, Mr and Mrs R Hedley, Mr and Mrs B Bernstein, Mr Martin Gibbs, Mr and Mrs Robert Hamilton, Miss Esther Rantzen, Mr and Mrs Peter Dimmock, Mr and Mrs Charles Sandbank, Mr John Beerling, Mr Alan Yentob, Mr and Mrs Shaun Sutton, Mr Deputy I L Morgan, Mr D Arbiter, Miss Biddy Baxter, Mr and Mrs S Bloch, Mr David Jacobs, Mr Jack Steinberg, Mr Michael Middleton, Mr David Gulsberg, Mr and Mrs B Friend, Mr W Frankel, Mr H Pinner, Mr and Mrs E Moosman, Mr J Greenwood, Mr and Mrs David Hart, Mr and Mrs John Bullock and Dr V D Lipman.

Lord Crawshaw of Aintree
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Crawshaw of Aintree was held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated, assisted by Canon Ronald Jennings and Canon Hugh Trodden. The Rev Charles Crawshaw, brother, and the Speaker read the lessons and the Bishop of Liverpool gave an address. Among others present were:
Lady Crawshaw of Aintree (widow), Mr and Mrs E Cole (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs C Crawshaw (sister-in-law), Mr C V Lima (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs R Crawshaw, Miss Francis Lima, Miss L Barritt.

Earl Attlee, Viscount Tonypandy, the Viscount and Viscountess Falkland, Lord Kennet, Lord Diamond (Leader of the SDP, House of Lords) and Lady Diamond, Lord Walston, Cardella Lady Conway, Lord Rochester, Lord McNair, Lord Salisbury, Lord Hampton, Lord Gray of Contin, Baroness Seear, Lord and Lady Boston, Lord Wilson of Langside, Lord Mottistone, Baroness Vickers, Lord Tordoff, Lord Hunt, Lord Irving of Dartford, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Lord Airedale, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, (Leader of the Opposition, House of Lords), Lord Aylestone, CH, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, Baroness Sear, Lord Rathcreedan, Lord Ritchie of Dundee, Lord Desborough, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Mrs Bernard Weatherill, the Leader of the Social Democratic Party and Mrs David Owen, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, Mr Denis Howell, MP, Dr J Dickson Mabon (British Indonesian Technology Group), Mr Michael Cocks, MP, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw (Chairman of the House of Commons), Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir John Tilney, Mr William Goodhart, QC, and the Hon Mrs Goodhart, Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, Mr Ron Lewis, MP, Mr Frank Field, MP, Mr Alexander Pollock, MP, Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, MP, Mr Ronald Brown, MP, Dr John C Blackborn, MP, Mr Robert MacLennan, MP, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP, Mr Eric Heffer, MP, Mr David Alton, MP, (Liberal Chief Whip), Mr Alan Beith, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP.
Mr and Mrs B Leonard, Mr and Mrs A J Rees, Dr B J Elce, the Rev Michael Trodden, Mr John Horam, Mr Neville Sandelson, Major-General Peter Whitehead, Mr E Carr, Dr and Mrs B Morris, Mrs E Newton, the Rev D K and Mrs King, the Rev R C H Swain, Mr Dick Newby (national secretary, SDP) with Mr Tony Haimes (deputy national organiser), Mr David Rimmer (Seton area), Mr Eric Ogden (Liverpool area) and Miss Val Taylor (editor, *The Social Democrat*); Mr Peter Cobb (CPA), Dr Alan Gilmour (director, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children), Mr Michael Vernan and Rear-Admiral W J Graham (RNLI), Mr Cedric Mercer (Anglo-Israel Association), Dr Brian Worster-Davis (Sefton Family Practitioner Committee and Merseyside branch, Magistrates Association), Mr C Steer (Long Distance Walkers Association) and Mrs Steer and Miss Celia Thomas (Liberal Whips Office).

Major P. Profumo and Miss E. Profumo
A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Major Philip Profumo and Miss Elizabeth (Betsy) Profumo was held yesterday in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street. The Rev Dr A. W. Marks officiated. Mr David Profumo and Mr John Profumo, brother, read the lessons and the Earl of Westmorland gave an address.

Receptions

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Guy Barnett, MP, Joint Honorary Treasurer of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, was host at a reception given yesterday at the Houses of Parliament by the executive committee of the branch for their associate members.

Knightsbridge Association
The Prince of Wales was the guest of honour at a reception to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Knightsbridge Association held at the Knightsbridge Barracks yesterday. He was received by the chairman Mr Neville Labovitch, and Lieutenant-Colonel S.V. Gilbart-Denham. The other guests included:
The Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Lord Duncan-Sandys, Mr and Mrs Duncan-Sandys, Mr and Mrs Kingman Brewster, Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson, Sir Robin and Lady Gillett, Marquis Clavarino, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, Councillor C.A. Prendergast, Mr and Mrs Aleck Craddock, Mr and Mrs Edward Rayne, Mr A.T. Bryson, Mr and Mrs Richard Robinson, Mr and Mrs Cyril Seymour-Newton and Mr and Mrs John Wallis.

Luncheons

Buckingham Palace Luncheon
The Queen yesterday held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace at which Princess Alexandra was present. The guests were:
Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC (chairman, Industrial Tribunals), Dr Peter Andrews (education adviser, Derbyshire County Council), Mr Mark Elder (music director, English National Opera), Mr Terence English (consultant cardiothoracic surgeon, Papworth and Addenbrooke's Hospitals, Cambridge), Mr Peter Le Chemin (director-general, General Council of British Shipping), Mr Sandy Lyle (golfer), Lieutenant-Colonel Bram Moore (personal secretary, National Headquarters, The Salvation Army) and Mr John Parker (chairman and chief executive, Harland and Wolff).

Publicity Club of London
Mr Paul Daniels was the guest speaker at the annual Christmas luncheon of the Publicity Club of London held yesterday at the Hilton hotel. Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Worthy, chairman, presided.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Abell, 80; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, 67; Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred Earle, 79; Lord Elliott of Morpeth, 66; Professor Sir Robert Grieve, 76; Lieutenant-General Sir Kenneth McLean, 90; Sir Kenneth MacMillan, 57; Mr Cliff Michelmore, 67; Miss Christina Onassis, 36; Mr Carlo Ponti, 73; Mr Patrick Reyntiens, 61; Sir Francis Sandilands, 73; Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 68; Mr C. F. J. Younger, 78.

£3m to RNLI

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute has been left £3 million in the will of Mr Kenneth Thelwall, a former company director, of Beverley, North Yorkshire.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening in honour of the President of the Spanish Congress of Deputies and Señora de Pons Irazazabal. The Spanish Ambassador and Señora Dona Paz de Aznar de Puig de la Bellacasa were present. Other guests included:
Baroness Young and Dr Geoffrey Young, Mr Harold Walker, MP, and Mrs Walker, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Mr Alan Beith, MP, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, and Mrs Garel-Jones, Lord and Lady Sackville, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, Sir John Wells, MP, and Lady Wells, Sir George Young, MP, and Lady Young, Alderman Sir Allan and Lady Davis, Señor Jaime Garcia, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Señor Lopez Nadal, Lieutenant-General Sir John and Lady Richards, Canon and Mrs Trevor Beeson, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, Señor Julian Cuenca Jimenez, Señor and Señora Ricardo Martí-Fluxa, Mr and Mrs Richard Nelson, Miss Stephanie Weatherill and Mr and Mrs Peter Kilcan.

Law Society
Mr John Wickerson, President of the Law Society, was host at a dinner held last night at Law Society's Hall. The guests included:
Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, Lord Brightman, Lord Justice Mustill, Sir John Arnold, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Lord Justice Gibbs, Sir Derek Dalton, QC, Mr Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Hoffman, Mr Justice Wood, Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke, Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, Chief Master Horne, Master Grant, Judge Sachs, Mr Robert Alexander, QC, and Master Dyson.

Charterhouse
Mr Eric Harrison, Master of Charterhouse, presided at a founder's day dinner held last night at the school. Mr Peter Allenbrook, Headmaster, Mr J. M. L. Prior, MP, and Mr C. A. K. Fenn-Smith also spoke.

Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers
Mr C.N. Packett, Master of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers, presided at a Christmas dinner held last night at Trinity House. Dr R.S.A. White and Mr John C.J. Eaton also spoke.

Conservative National Golf Tournament
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, was the guest of honour last night at the 1986 Conservative National Golf Tournament Dinner at the Berkeley hotel to raise funds for charities connected with young people and sport. Sir Basil Feldman presided and Mr Jonathan Lynn replied on behalf of the guests.
Among the guests were:
Mr Denis Thatcher, Mrs Nigel Lawson, Lady Feldman, Lord and Lady Taylor of Hadfield, Sir Philip and Lady Harris, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Leigh, Mr and Mrs Michael Ashcroft, Mr and Mrs John Carter, Mr and Mrs Trevor Brooking, Mr and Mrs Ronnie Corbett, Mr and Mr Ted Dexter, Mr Adam Faith, Mr and Mrs Tony Jacklin, Mrs Jonathan Lynn, and Mr and Mrs William Saltire.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Mr Gordon Dawson, President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers from 1979-80, was made an honorary fellow of the Institution at a ceremony held on December 10, at 1 Birdcage Walk, SW1.

Service Dinner
9th/12th Royal Lancers
The annual dinner of officers of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night, Colonel M. Woodhead, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Science report

Sheep-dosing to lessen intake of radioactivity

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The contamination of sheep in parts of Wales, Cumbria and Scotland by fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear explosion has been more severe and prolonged than most people predicted, and in some areas restrictions on movement and slaughter have still not been lifted.

Scientists at the Rowett Research Institute in Aberdeen, have been examining ways of speeding up the decontamination process in the event of a similar disaster.

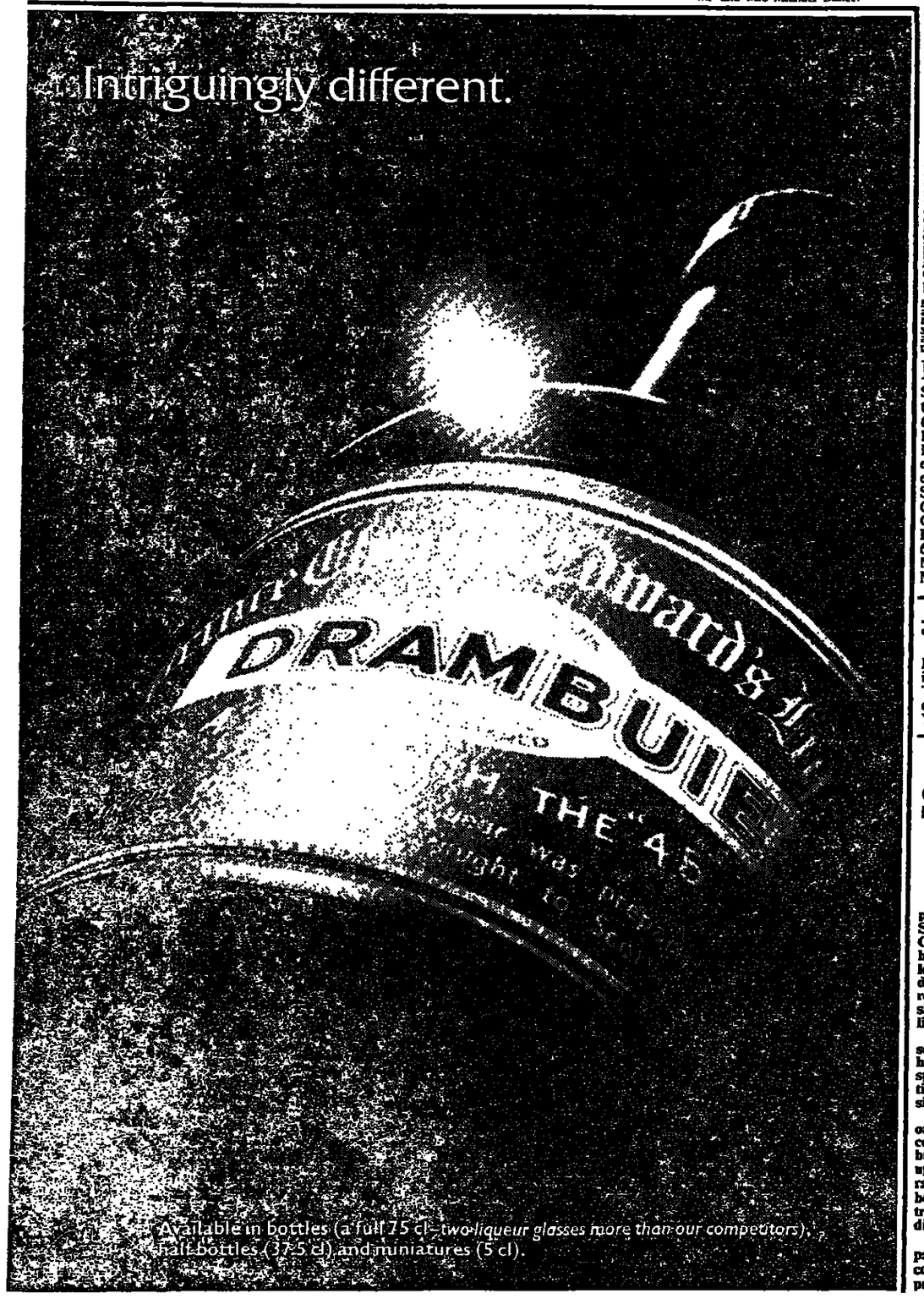
The time it takes depends not only on the initial level of contamination of the pasture, but on the subsequent rate of uptake and on the rate of loss of radioactivity from the animals' bodies after they have been transferred to uncontaminated diets.

The latter factors are of particular importance, since it is considered impracticable to take preventive measures in the time between an accident and the subsequent fallout.

The Rowett researchers, together with colleagues from the Macaulay Institute and Aberdeen University, tested two dietary supplements, a clay mineral called clinoptilolite and a cobalt-iron complex, to determine their possible effect on restricting the uptake of radioactive caesium and encouraging its excretion.

Over a period of 42 days sheep which were still feeding on contaminated pasture lost 35 per cent more caesium when dosed with the clay mineral and 65 per cent more when treated with the complex.

The Rowett researchers conclude that, in the event of another accident similar to Chernobyl, dosing sheep at risk would reduce their intake of radioactivity from contaminated pastures and could reduce the delay before they could be sent to market.



OBITUARY

MR ANATOLY MARCHENKO

Hero of Soviet dissent

Mr Anatoly Marchenko, Soviet dissident, has died in prison at Chistopol in the Tatar republic. He was 48, and had spent most of his adult life in gaols and penal camps. His book, *My Testimony*, is an excoriating account of his experiences in such institutions.

Marchenko was born in Barabinsk in western Siberia on January 23, 1938, the son of a railway worker. After elementary education he became a construction worker, and was employed on a Siberian hydroelectric project when he became involved in a brawl in his workers' hostel in 1957.

Arrested and charged with "hooliganism", he was sent to a labour camp near Karaganda in Kazakhstan. He escaped two years later and decided to try and get out of the Soviet Union. Remarkably, he had accomplished most of the thousand-mile journey to the south, when he was caught trying to cross the frontier into Iran, near Ashkabad in the Turkmen republic.

He was sentenced to a further six years for "treasonable behaviour", some of it in the Mordovian prison camp region. He tried to escape from there, too, and for this was sent to the notorious Vladimir prison, in the Moscow region, where conditions were even more rigorous than in the camps.

From these experiences he emerged with his health permanently impaired, deaf from an attack of meningitis, and lucky to have survived severe haemorrhaging of the intestines. Only numerous blood transfusions, in the period after his release in 1966, restored him to anything like his former self.

He then worked as a labourer in Alexandrov, near Moscow, where he met General Pyotr Grigoryenko and other leading dissidents. Among these was a linguist, Larisa Bogoraz - then the wife of Yuli Daniel - whom he later married.

His new acquaintances were astonished to learn from him that conditions in the labour camps appeared not to have changed since the Stalin era, and this led to his putting his experiences down in a book.

My Testimony was circulated in *samizdat* and then smuggled abroad by friends. It was translated into English and published in this country in 1969. Its saga of unrelieved suffering, orchestrated by the sadistic brutality of camp guards and exacerbated by outdoor temperatures of 40 degrees below zero, was reminiscent of Solzhenitsyn's *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch*, and described horrors indistinguishable from those of the Stalin years.

It would have ensured his rearrest in any case. But this was made the more certain by his writing an open letter to the Czech people, warning them of the dangers of invasion by the Soviet Union. The letter was also sent to the BBC and to other foreign newspapers. In 1968 Marchenko was arrested and sentenced to a year in a labour camp in the northern Urals.

There, privations calculated decisively to weaken his health included forced labour in a construction gang in subzero temperatures without winter clothing. When he objected he was given fifteen days in the punishment cell, that route to early death so graphically described by Solzhenitsyn.

Released in 1971 he was exiled to the Siberian lumber camp town of Chuna where he married Larisa Bogoraz, whose marriage to Daniel had been dissolved. She was also in exile there for her part in a demonstration against the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia.

Eventually the pair were allowed to return to European Russia and settled in a writers' colony at Tarusa, in Kaluga province.

However he was arrested again early in 1975 and charged with having broken the terms of his parole. He was sent back to Chuna, this time for four years. In 1981 he was arrested yet again, on charges of anti-Soviet agitation, and given ten years in a labour camp to be followed by another five of internal exile. In the event he was further charged last year with having violated unspecified camp rules, and put in prison.

There the leisurely apparatus of Soviet state persecution accomplished its final aim against a constitution weakened by suffering, and by the series of hunger strikes he bravely undertook in support of other dissidents. He was denied visits from his family, and last year had his hearing aid removed, leaving him completely deaf.

Marchenko was a stubborn figure who gave a great deal of help to fellow dissidents through his writings and actions. He was on several occasions encouraged by the KGB to leave the Soviet Union, but only on condition that he emigrate to Israel with his Jewish wife. This he refused to do, believing that it would cloud the issue.

He was a member of the recently disbanded watch group, set up to monitor Soviet compliance with the Helsinki accord on human rights.

He leaves his widow, and a son.

MR REUBEN NAKIAN

Mr Reuben Nakian, sculptor, died at Stamford, Connecticut, on December 4. He was 89.

He was born on August 10, 1897, of Armenian immigrant parents. His education was in New York City and New Jersey, but did not progress beyond the elementary school stage.

From 1911 he studied at a number of art schools, including the Art Students' League and the Beaux-Arts Institute of Design, but his most formative period was a three-year apprenticeship (1917-20) to the eclectic Paul Manship. From 1920 to 1923 he shared a studio with Gaston Lachaise.

Contact with these two figures imbued him with a sense of the grandeur of the European tradition in art, and his early works sought to express these qualities, often on a monumental scale.

He began as a figurative artist, but gradually reconsidered his early work and became an exponent of what may, for convenience, be called abstract expressionism.

In the 1930s he produced many portrait sculptures, remarkable among them an eight-foot plaster model of the baseball hero, Babe Ruth. This was never cast, and has, alas, disappeared. But others, among them Franklin Roosevelt and members of his cabinet, gained him recognition.

From the late 1930s and throughout the war he confined himself almost entirely to drawing. Contact with the abstraction and surrealism of De Kooning and Arshile Gorky led him to reconsider his own methods, and when he returned to sculpture in 1947, his work reflected their influence.

Typical sculptures of this phase are "The Rape of Lucrece" in the Museum of Modern Art, New York, and "The Voyage to Crete" in the foyer of the New York State Theater in the Lincoln Center.

Though the treatment had become abstract, Nakian did not forsake his original attachment to the mythological sources of so much great European art, and expressed this with great feeling.

His only excursion into religious sculpture was the bronze "Descent from the Cross" outside St Vartan Armenian Cathedral in New York.

He leaves a widow, Rose, and two sons.

SIR HARRY CRANE

Sir Harry Crane, OBE, who held senior posts in the National Union of General and Municipal Workers during 30 years' service, died on December 6. He was 83.

Harold Walter Victor Crane was born at Nottingham on February 12, 1903. His first job was as a fitter.

He joined the NUGMW in 1934 and was successively district officer, national officer (1943) and district secretary (1957). He retired from union service in 1965 to become an industrial relations consultant.

He held many and varied posts, among them membership of the Catering Hygiene Committee (1949-52); the Food Hygiene Advisory Council (1952-78); and the Milk Marketing Board (1966-72).

He was chairman of the Labour Party Conference Arrangements Committee from 1954 to 1965, and served on the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council from 1967 to 1973.

Crane was a brusque, forthright man. He was an astute negotiator who had the respect of his colleagues.

He married, in 1930, Winefride Mary Wing, who died in 1978. He then married, in 1982, Catherine Elizabeth Heath, who survives him with a son of the first marriage.

MR ARTHUR DUCKWORTH

Mr Arthur Duckworth, Conservative MP for Shrewsbury from 1929 to 1945, has died at the age of 85.

George Arthur Victor Duckworth was born on January 3, 1901, and educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge.

He was, from 1932 to 1939, also PPS to Sir Geoffrey Shakespeare. During the war he served with 36th (Middlesex) AA Bn RA. He sat on Somerset County Council for many years.

He was thrice married. First, in 1927, to Alice Hammond (three daughters); second, in 1945, to Elizabeth Ehrenfeld (two daughters); and third, in 1968, to Mary Buxton (no children).

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God
Ephesians 2 : 19

BIRTHS

BALLANTINE - On December 8th 1986, in Edinburgh, to Johnny and Hilary (nee Williams), a boy James.

BARNES - On November 25th 1986, to Patricia (nee Clark) and Colin, a daughter Samantha Sarah.

CALLAGHAN - On November 27th, to Gabrielle (nee Sessions) and Simon, a son Laurence Felix.

CARTWRIGHT - On December 5th, to Julia (nee Russell) and Jonathan, a daughter (Joanna Clare). With many thanks to the staff at the Wellington and at Wycombe General Hospital.

COLE - On December 6th 1986, at St.Thomas' Hospital, to Jackie (née Cattermole) and Tim, a daughter Harriet Lucy.

CORRIDAN - On December 9th 1986, in Minneapolis, USA, to Caryl (nee Coupland) and David, a son Patrick Michael.

[illegible]X - On December 3rd, to Caroline (nee Holland) and Stephen, a son, James Robert.

DEAVES - On December 7th 1986, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Fran (née Morrison) and Trevor, a son Dominic William Wootton, a brother for Adam (Rocky).

DONLEVY - On December 6th, to Sally (née de Smit) and Tim, a daughter Jane Alice, a sister for Nicholas and Eleanor.

EDE - On December 4th, to Sarah (née Wilson) and James, a daughter Henrietta Alice.

FERGUSSON - On 7th December, at St. Thomas' Hospital London, to Margaret (Wookey) and Geordie, a daughter Alice

GUNSON - On November 29th, in Eastbourne, to Jacqueline (nee Stubbings) and David, a son Jeremy John, brother for Natalie Jane.

HODGSON - On December 9th, at Westwood Hospital, Beverley, to [illegible]abeth (nee Dick) and Max, a daughter, Emily Kate.

KELLY - On December 8th 1986, to Michael and Maureen (nee Maher) a son, Michael David, a brother for Matthew.

KRZEMINSKI - On December 8th, at the City Hospital Nottingham, to Jean (née Dickens) and Stefan, a daughter Helena Sophie, a sister for Richard.

MARTIN - On December 3rd, in Guildford, to Pam (née Richards) and Adrian, a son Simon Andrew, a brother for Leonie and Guy.

OLDFIELD - On December 8th 1986, to Alexandra and Richard, a son Christopher.

SIMMONDS - On December 6th 1986, at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Margaret and Andrew a daughter Lucy Frances, a sister for David.

WARRE - On December 9th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Sophie (née Meade-Featherstonhaugh) and Angus, a daughter, Theodora.

[illegible]EAVER - On December 9th 1986, to Lesley (née Perowne) and Martin of 100, Lorne Avenue, Ottawa, Canada, a daughter Laura Christina.

WILSON - On November 25th, to Cheryl and Robin, a son Edward Robin Maldwyn, a brother for Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES

CATTELL : REYNOLDS - the marriage took place on December 6th in Melbourne Australia, between Jeremy Cattell and Jane Reynolds.

DEATHS

ADORIAN - On December 10th, peacefully, at Birtley House, Lilian, beloved wife of the late Paul Adorian and a much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Holy Trinity church, Rudgwick, Sussex, at 2pm on Monday December 15th. Enquires to Freeman Brothers, Horsham 54590.

ARMITAGE - On December 9th, after a short illness, Ethel Eileen aged 85 of Longhope, Gloucestershire. Funeral private.

[illegible]STON - On December 7th 1986, peacefully with characteristic courage and dignity, in hospital in Monaco, Dr. Simon Robert Aston, aged 39, head of Marine Environmental Studies, Laboratory of Marine Radioactivity, Musée Oceanographique, Monaco. Geochemist of distinction. Much loved husband of Pauline, adored father of Katie and Robin and dearest only son of Hazel and Robert Aston. No flowers please but donations in his memory may be sent to The Katie and Robin Aston Trust Fund c/o The Director, Laboratory of Marine Radioactivity, Musée of Oceanography, Monaco or Barclays Bank, Earlsdon, Coventry. 'Now cracks a noble heart. Good night sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.'

BALL - On December 4th 1986, in Ilford, James Daniel aged 98, a much loved friend and father, service at St Marys Church, Ilford High Road on December 11th at 2pm.

BAMPFYLDE - On December 8th, peacefully at Cobham hospital, Mary Elizabeth (Good) aged 70 years, widow of Basil Bampfylde. Dearly loved mother of David and grandmother of Caroline, Richard and Christopher. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St Mary's church, Stoke D'abernon, 11.30am Monday 15th December. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to Princess Alice hospice, Esher, Surrey.

BATTERSHELL - On December 4th 1986, peacefully, Kathleen Margery (née Posnette) of Storrington, beloved wife of Sydney James and much loved mother of Anthea and Celia. Service on Friday December 12th at St Marys, Sullington, 2.30pm, followed by cremation at Worthing 3.15pm. Flowers to HD Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Rd, Worthing, Sussex by 1pm or donations if desired to Patients Fund, Storrington District Nurses, c/o HD Tribe Ltd, Worthing 34516.

BRIGHTMORE - On December 4th, peacefully in Pinehealth Hospital, Holt, Norfolk, Air Commadore Anthony George Patrick (Tony), R.A.F. (retired). Dearly loved husband of Suzanne (Doonie) and loving father of Peter, Juliet and Michael. Cremation took place privately. If desired, please send donations to The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund and Parkinsons Disease Society, c/o Holt Funeral Services, 4 Station Road, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6BS.

CREPIN - On December 7th, in hospital, Alan Philip Harvey Crepin, aged 68 years. Funeral service at St. George's Church, Shirley, Croydon, on Tuesday 16th December at 11.15 am, followed by cremation at Croydon Crematorium.

DOWNING - On December 9th 1986, suddenly, Margaret, much loved wife of Alan and cherished mother of Gabrielle, Wadham and the animals. Private family service at St James' Kington, followed by funeral service at Redditch Crematorium on Tuesday December 16th at twelve noon. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation Appeal, 271 Bromsgrove Road, Redditch, B97 4SH Worcestershire.

DURKIN - On December 7th, peacefully following a brief illness, John, devoted husband of Phil, loving father of Michael, Paul and Mary and Father in law of Sue and Mary and grandfather of Luke, Jack and Jamie. Requiem mass and burial at Prinknash Abbey, Gloucester, on Saturday December 13th at 11am.

HENEKER - On December 9th 1986, Christian Lee Heneker, aged 77 years of Reigate, Surrey, dearly loved husband of Joan, father of Michael and Stephen and grandfather of William, Thomas, Paul and Joanna. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Reigate, on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation, c/o Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Reigate Rd, Redhill

HENLEY - On December 9th, peacefully at home in South Petherton, Somerset, Major Anthony Cornish Henley (late 16th Punjab Regt.) Darling husband of Suzanne (Suzie) and father of Lucy and Robert. Cremation private. Enquiries to Irish and Denman, Funeral Directors, Palmer street, South Petherton, Somerset. Tel: 0460 40348

HESKETH - On December 9th, peacefully at Sutton Veny House Nursing Home, Frank, aged 89, formerly of Welwyn Garden City. Greatly loved as husband of the late May, father of Margarete, Ruth and Philippa, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on December 16th at 12 noon. Flowers to F Curtis & Son, 11 Portway, Warminster, Wilts.

HORN - On December 9th, peacefully, Rita, formerly of Sherwood Court, W1, requiem mass on Tuesday 16th December at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, SW19, at 10am followed by private burial. Flowers to Ashton's, 140 Alexandra Rd, SW19, by 9am.

LABDON - On December 5th, Gwendoline Iris Alice, formerly of Wings Sandleheath, widow of the late Ralph Labdon. Funeral Service at St Aldhelm's Church, Sandleheath, near Fordingbridge, Hants at 2.00 pm on Monday 15th December, followed by cremation at Salisbury. Flowers or donations, in lieu, to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust may be sent to John Shering, Fordingbridge 53019.

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PIPER - On December 8th, Hilary Estelle, aged 54 years, peacefully after a long illness, bravely borne, sadly missed by Martin, James, Nicholas and Patrick and all who knew her. Funeral service at the Parish Church of St Clement, Sandwich on Monday 15th December at 11am, followed by interment at Deal Cemetary. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Appeal for Cancer Care and Research Unit, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, c/o Brett Funeral Service, 20 High St, Sandwich, Kent

POURE - On December 5th 1986, Rev. Pierre Francois, chaplain to the de la Salle Brothers, St Peter's School, Bournemouth, aged 72 years, fortified by the Rites of the Church. Requiem in the Parish Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne, on Friday December 12th at 11am. Interment will take place in France on Friday December 12th. Flowers to Head and Wheble, 1a Oxford Rd, Bournemouth. Tel 0202 21190 by 11am on Thursday December 11t'

PREISS - On December 8th 1986, Margarete, widow of Hans, deeply loved by her family Frank and Delia, Maia and Jonathan. Funeral private. Any donations please to the Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

REYNOLDS - On Tuesday December 9th 1986, at the home of her daughter, Kathleen (Kay) of St. Peter Port, Guernsey, wife of Len and mother of Peter and Pat. Funeral service to take place at Shilton Parish Church on Friday December 12th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Enquiries to E.Taylor and Son, Tel. 0993 2123 or 0993 842421.

SEATON - On December 8th 1986, peacefully at his daughters home, after a long, painful illness, borne with courage and cheerfulness, Brigadier Albert Alexander (Alex) Seaton, C.B.E., of Warren House, Thorpe Fields, Thirsk. Beloved husband of the late Betty and a most loved and loving father and grandfather. Funeral service at St. Oswalds Church, Sowerby, Thirsk at 11.30am on Monday December 15th, followed by cremation at York at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations, in lieu, gratefully accepted, for the Teesside Hospice Care Foundation. Donations may be given in church.

SHANKLAND - On December 9th, in hospital after a long illness, bravely borne, Joy, widow of George Shankland, late of Tanglewood Cottage, Allum Lane, Elstree and beloved sister of Pat. Cremation at Hendon Crematorium 11.30am, on Friday 12th. Family flowers only. Enquires to Blackwells, 20 High St, Barnet. Tel: 01 449 2065.

SPRINCE - Marjorie. See Stephens.

STALLARD - On December 9th 1986, peacefully at Sunny Bank Hospital, Cannes, Richard Joseph (Dick) of Emilie Palace, Monaco, in his 89th year. Very greatly loved and sadly missed by Sheila. A dear father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral, St Pauls Anglican Church, Monaco, Monday 15th December at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations please to Prince Philip Appeal for Commonwealth Veterans, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JG.

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STOREY - On December 8th 198?, at Trinity Hospice, David Ivan, aged 62 years. Much loved husband of Anita and father of Sally and Maria. Funeral service at St. Peter Ad Vincula, Coggeshall, on Tuesday December 16th at 11.30am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 0RN

TURNER - On December 6th, at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, Cyril Walker Clark Turner, aged 83, Formally of Park Avenue, Gillingham, Kent and Lagos, Nigeria. Cremation to take place on Monday December 15th 1986, at 2pm at Medway Crematorium, Robin Hood Lane, Chatham, Kent. Floral tributes and all enquiries to John Weir Funeral Directors, 130 High Street, Rainham, Kent. Tel: 0634 373111.

TUSSLER - On December 8th 1986, peacefully, Anthony Julian Brett, aged 51 years, M.A. (Oxon), F.R.G.S. Dearly loved husband of Jean, loving father of Paul, Ruth and Tony, dearest son of Lilian. Funeral Service Thursday December 11th at 12 noon. All Saints Church, Wellingborough.

VINCENT - On December 9th, suddenly at his home in Budleigh Salterton, Martin Harper Vincent, master mariner retired, ex B.I.S.N. Company Ltd. Beloved husband of Joan and dearest father of Wendy. No flowers please, donations in lieu if desired to Budleigh Salterton Hospiscare, c/oThe Health Centre, 1, The Lawn, Budleigh Salterton.

WILD - On December 8th 1986, in Cambridge, Janet Mary (née Burchnall), widow of Dr Frank Wild, dearly loved mother of John and step-mother of Jane. Requiem mass at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge on Tuesday 16th December at 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

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Department of Trade and Industry
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Early sale for British Steel, says Channon

By Colin Narbrough

The Government disclosed yesterday that the British Steel Corporation would be its first candidate for privatization if the Conservatives are returned to power at the next general election.

The Prime Minister had stated earlier that BSC would be included in privatization plans for the next Parliament, but Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, went a step further in the Commons yesterday, saying that the state-owned steel maker should be "top of the list".

BSC's recently announced half-year profit of £68 million was very encouraging and represented further progress towards sustained profitability, putting the corporation in a much better position to meet the challenges of the market, he said at question time.

He assured MPs of substantial progress on denationalisation and said that proposals would be put before Parliament after the elections. These are widely expected next year.

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High-wire act to prevent party split

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national executive meet at the clause five meeting to settle the manifesto, with Mr Healey and others threatening to split the party publicly as the general election campaign begins — as Mr James Callaghan did to such dire effect at the last election — if Mr Kinnock does not make further concessions.

Labour is certainly bowing to pressure. By refusing to give a deadline for the removal of US nuclear bases and weapons, by promising that it will be done by negotiation in a "process of partnership" and by confirming along with Mr Healey that Labour will accept Nato's current strategy, including the nuclear umbrella which he so forcefully rejected at this year's party conference, until the allies agree to change it, Mr Kinnock has acknowledged the credibility gap and the marketing crisis in selling Labour's policies.

It is a significant climbdown. His difficulty is that the Tories will take it as evidence that they have him on the run.

Simple still-life is Sir Michael's choice

Sir Michael Levey with his favourite painting *Still-life With Oranges and Walnuts* by Luis Melendez (Photograph:Tim Bishop)

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

Should an important 18th century Spanish painting mysteriously vanish from the National Gallery next year, police seeking help with their inquiries would do well to consult Sir Michael Levey.

The oil painting by Luis Meleudez, *Still-life With Oranges And Walnuts*, is among more than 30 works selected by Sir Michael for an exhibition marking his retirement as director of the gallery next month.

Of all the paintings acquired under his guidance in the past 13 years, it is, he confided to *The Times* yesterday, his personal favourite.

"If I were choosing a painting that I would like in my own home, this would be it. I would not wish a large masterpiece, partly because I live very modestly. It is unusual, easy to like, and would raise the tone of any drawing-room."

Sir Michael admitted that a partiality for fruit and nuts — and sweets said to be in the round boxes — was a factor in his choice. "It is very much more appealing than dead birds. I would not want to live with pictures of murdered animals with blood on their noses."

The exhibition of the director's selected acquisitions opens next Wednesday and runs until February 15.

Wiesel collects his Nobel Peace Prize at Oslo ceremony

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Mr Elie Wiesel, author, Nobel laureate and survivor, yesterday donned a skull-cap and recited a Hebrew benediction and prayer of thanksgiving.

Speaking emotionally, and at times almost inaudibly, this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner then turned to the English language to thank his audience "for declaring on this singular occasion that our survival has meaning for mankind".

Unlike several in recent years, yesterday's prize-giving ceremony at the University of Oslo went off without a hitch, resembling at times an ecumenical religious service with two distinctly sombre sermons, and stately musical interludes by Grieg, the Norwegian composer, and the Jewish Mendelssohn.

Mr Egil Aarvik, Chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, described Mr Wiesel's experiences, in Norwegian: "In 1945, in the ashes left behind after the sacrificial flames which annihilated six million Jews, sat the seventeen-year-old Elie Wiesel, an only son of Abraham, an Isaac who once again had escaped a sacrificial death on Mount Moriah at the last moment.

"He will receive the Nobel Peace (Prize) today because he too has become a witness for truth and justice.

"From the abyss of the death camps he has come as a messenger to mankind — not with a message of hate and revenge, but with one of brotherhood and atonement."

Through his books, Mr Aarvik continued, Mr Wiesel had rendered "not only an eyewitness account of what happened, but also an analysis of the evil powers which lay behind the events.

His main concern is the question of what measures we can take to prevent a recurrence of these events".

The Norwegian language sounds uncannily like Chaucerian English.

As Mr Aarvik warmed to his theme, including references from the Old Testament as well as the guest of honour's own texts, the effect verged on the evangelical.

Mr Wiesel spoke modestly and briefly, stressing that his concerns embraced all persecuted and suffering peoples, including the Palestinians.

"Something must be done about their suffering, and soon," he declared. "I trust Israel, for I have faith in the Jewish people.

"Let Israel be given a chance, let hatred and danger be removed from her horizons and there will be peace in and around the Holy Land."

On the pavement outside the Great Hall of the university, several men intercepted those leaving the ceremony in order to offer leaflets, in Norwegian and English, headed *A Prominent False Witness: Elie Wiesel*.

The leaflets accused Mr Wiesel of exaggerating the magnitude of the holocaust, and quoted "There is no business like shoah-business".

Pretoria U-boat plans spell trouble for Kohl

From John England, Bonn

The role of Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor and his Government in the alleged illegal sale of German U-boat construction plans to South Africa is to be investigated by a Bonn parliamentary committee.

The all-party committee was being formed yesterday at the demand of the Social Democratic (SPD) and Green opposition parties and is expected to begin work today, less than seven weeks before the federal election.

The opposition parties accuse Herr Kohl of having approved the deal with South Africa in contravention of West Germany's arms export laws and the United Nations embargo of 1977 on sales of weapons and allied products to Pretoria.

Spokesmen for Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic (CDU) Party charge the SPD with trying to make the submarine plans affair an election topic to embarrass the chancellor during the campaign for the January 25 poll.

The conservatives say they will broaden the committee's brief to investigate arms exports under former SPD chancellors Brandt and Schmidt.

The plans are said to have been sold by a Kiel shipbuilding firm for 46 million deutschmarks (£16.2 million).

One of Herr Kohl's aides said the chancellor considered the sale in 1984 and 1985, but no official approval was given.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen holds an Investiture at Buckingham Palace, 11; and attends a reception at Guildhall to mark the 150th anniversary of the Newspaper Society, 6.30.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, visits the production stage of the film "*Living Daylights*" at Pinewood Studios, 2.45.

Princess Margaret visits Crowborough and opens the new swimming pool at the Goldsmith Leisure Centre, 11.40; and as President visits the Horder Centre for Arthritics at Crowborough and opens the Hydrotherapy Pool, 2.35.

The Duchess of Gloucester visits the Royal Institute of Oil Painters' Exhibition at the Mall Galleries, The Mall, 3.

Princess Michael of Kent attends a Royal National Institute for the Blind Christmas Children's party in the Members' Dining Room, House of Commons, 4.

Princess Alexandra attends the opening of the International Showjumping Championships at Olympia, 6.15.

Last chance to see

Paintings, Drawings and Gouaches: The Pine Gallery, Goodstation Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Music

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Bournemouth Sinfonietta: play Mendelssohn and Dvorak, Winchester College, 7 30.

St Swithun's School Carol Service, 3. Evensong, 5 30 and Light Division Carol Service, 7. Both at Winchester Cathedral.

Le Stravaganze Concert: includes music by Handel, Vivaldi and Bach Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester, 12 45.

Lunchtime Concert at Solihull Library Theatre, with Caroline Palmer (piano), 1.

Angela Brownridge (piano) plays Beethoven and Liszt at the Royal Exchange, Manchester, 1.

Programme of Spanish Music with the Aranjuez Guitar Trio, Newton Abbot Community Centre, Kingsteignton, 8.

Talks, lectures

The Photography of Ghosts by Peter Underwood, President of the Ghost Club and author of more than 20 books on the subject, National Centre of Photography, The Octagon, Bath, 7 30.

Christmas Science Lecture: Experiments and Considerations Touching Colours, Newman Building, Exeter University, today and tomorrow, 2 30.

Costume Clues: Jeremy Farrell, Keeper of Costume and Textiles, illustrates what paintings can tell us about the fashions and lifestyles of our ancestors, Lecture Theatre, Castle Museum, Nottingham, 2 30.

Reformation England: An Elect Nation, by Professor Patrick Collinson, Alnwick Room, Hatfield College, North Bailey, Durham, 8 15.

General

Display of Dancing by the Cowper School of Dancing, Carnegie Theatre, Workington, 7.

Christmas Market: Traditional Christmas market based on event in German twin town of Neustadt, stalls, food, drink, entertainment &c. Thur-Fri 6 30 to 9, 12 to 9 30 Sat (ends).

Helen McNeil and Anne Stevenson present an evening devoted to American poet Emily Dickinson, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, SW5, 7 30.

Beautiful Barbarians: lesbian poetry today, ICA, The Mall, SW1, 7 30.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at10 am.

Books - paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith (Pavanne, £3.95)
Caracole, by Edmund White (Picador, £3.95)
Cold Showers, by Clare Nonnebel (Grafton, £2.95)
The Laird of Dramsnochdyle and his Contemporaries, or Random Sketches in Outline with a Burnt Stick, by William Alexander, edited with an introduction by William Donaldson (Aberdeen University, £8.90)
The Numbered, a play, by Elias Canetti, translated by Carol Stewart (Marion Boyars, £4.95)

NON-FICTION

Black British Literature, An Annotated Bibliography, by Prabhu Guptara (Warwick University/Dangaroo, £7.95)
Grampian, Exploring Scotland's Heritage, by Ian A.G. Shepherd (Stationery Office, £6.95)
Perspectives, An Anthology of 1001 Architectural Quotations, edited by Charles Knevitt (Lund Humphries, £7.95)
Selected Letters, by Federico Garcia Lorca, edited and translated by David Gershator (Marion Boyars, £7.95)
Ways of Telling, The Work of John Berger, by Geoff Dyer (Pluto, £4.95)
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The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.14
Austria Sch	21.10	19.90
Belgium Fr	62.70	58.10
Canada $	2.03	1.94
Denmark Kr	11.34	10.74
Finland Mkk	7.48	6.98
France Fr	9.79	9.29
Germany Dm	3.00	2.83
Greece Dr	235	215
Hong Kong $	11.40	10.80
Ireland Pt	1.103	1.043
Italy Lira	2075	1955
Japan Yen	244	230
Netherlands Gld	3.37	3.19
Norway Kr	11.24	10.64
Portugal Esc	232	210
South Africa Rd	4.60	3.40
Spain Pta	200	190
Sweden Kr	10.28	9.73
Switzerland Fr	2.505	2.365
USA $	1.49	1.42
Yugoslavia Dnr	820	720

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 388.4

London: The *FT* index closed up 1.1 at 1265.5.

Anniversaries

Births: **Hector Berlioz**, Côte-saint-André, 1803; **Robert Koch**, bacteriologist, Klausthal, Germany, 1843.

Deaths: **Llewelyn Ab Gruffydd**, Prince of Wales, killed in battle, near Builth, 1282; **Olivia Schreiner**, writer, Cape Town, 1920. **James II** fled from England, 1688. Abdication of Edward VIII and accession of George VI, 1936. The USA declared war on Germany and Italy, 1941.

Christmas calls

Cheap-rate local, national and most international calls will be available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland from 6pm on Wednesday, December 24 to 8am on December 29 and from 6pm on December 31 to 8am January 2.

In Scotland the reductions will run from 6pm Tuesday, December 23 to 8am Monday, January 5.

A three-minute call from the UK to Australia will cost £2.11 instead of the normal £2.64 and a call from London to Edinburgh will cost 13p for three minutes instead of 26p (excluding VAT).

Roads

London and South-east: A1M: Hatfield tunnel open. **M20:** Roadworks London-bound junction 3 (Wrotham Hill). **Stratford:** Carpenters Road closed at River Lea bridge - diversions.

The Midlands: M5: Roadworks between junctions 5 (Droitwich) and 6 (Worcester). Hard shoulder only northbound. **A456:** Delays between Bewdley and Birmingham. **M1:** Roadworks between junctions 15 and 16 (A508, A45, Northampton).

Wales and the West: M4: Delays between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon). **A303:** Resurfacing between Honiton and Ilminster. **A31:** Roundabout construction near Ferndown, long delays.

The North: M1: Repairs between junctions 31 and 33 (Worksop and M18). **M61:** Construction work at Blacow Bridge. Delays on M61/M6. **M6:** Contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (M55/Preston).

Scotland: A77: Lane closures southbound between Mearns Cross and Crockfar Road. **A96:** Eastbound lane closures, Great Northern Road, Aberdeen. Delays. **Edinburgh:** Delays at Clairwood Terrace.

Portfolio Gold

Portfolio - how to play

Monday-Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 01-354-5277 between 10.00 am and 1.30 pm on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

WEATHER

A cold front will move south-east across all parts. England and Wales will start cloudy with outbreaks of rain reaching the SE by evening. Drier, brighter weather will follow into Wales and northern England. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a day of scattered showers and some sunshine though some eastern parts of Scotland will have more persistent rain at first. The showers will be most frequent in the N and W of Scotland and fall as snow over hills. A windy day generally with gales in the far N and W. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Continuing changeable with more rain in all districts.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.41	5.1	10.33	6.3
Aberdeen	10.02	3.6	10.06	3.7
Avonmouth	2.51	10.7	3.28	11.2
Belfast	7.31	3.0	7.48	3.3
Cardiff	2.38	10.0	3.13	10.4
Devonport	1.48	4.8	2.04	4.8
Dover	7.06	5.8	7.55	5.7
Falmouth	1.16	4.4	1.34	4.6
Glasgow	9.06	4.1	9.24	4.3
Harwich	7.52	3.5	8.36	3.6
Holyhead	6.55	4.6	7.03	4.9
Hull	1.58	6.4	3.07	6.1
Ilfracombe	1.55	7.3	2.25	7.7
Leith	11.06	4.9	11.22	5.0
Liverpool	7.30	7.8	7.47	8.2
Lowestoft	4.55	2.3	6.31	2.2
Margate	7.48	4.2	8.54	4.2
Milford Haven	2.18	5.6	2.43	5.9
Newquay	1.15	5.7	1.41	6.0
Oban	2.19	3.0	2.44	3.4
Penzance	12.59	4.6	1.16	4.8
Portland	2.41	1.6	2.57	1.7
Portsmouth	7.48	4.2	8.14	4.0
Shoreham	7.17	5.4	7.54	5.1
Southampton	7.31	4.1	7.50	3.9
Swansea	2.28	7.5	2.51	7.9
Tees	-	-	12.32	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	7.30	3.6	8.23	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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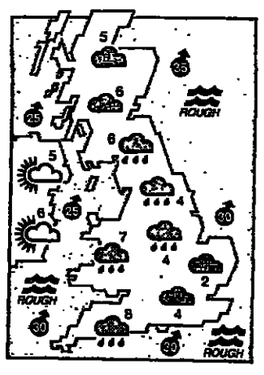

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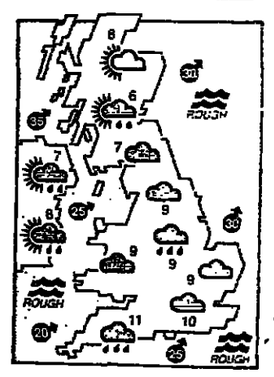

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.27 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.36 am
Edinburgh 4.09 pm to 8.04 am
Manchester 4.19 pm to 7.46 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.42 am

Sun rises: 7.56 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon sets 2.45 am
Moon rises 1.24 pm
Full moon December 16

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.11	7	45	sunny
Bridlington	4.7	.09	7	45	sunny
Cromer	*				
Lowestoft	5.5	.01	7	45	sunny
Clacton	6.7	-	8	46	sunny
Southend	7.1	.02	9	48	sunny
Margate	-	-	9	48	sunny
Folkestone	7.0	-	9	48	sunny
Hastings	6.7	.02	10	50	sunny
Eastbourne	6.5	-	10	50	sunny
Brighton	6.1	.05	11	52	sunny
Worthing	6.6	.13	11	52	sunny
Littlehampton	6.5	.08	11	52	sunny
Bognor R.	5.5	.13	11	52	rain
Southsea	6.8	.16	11	52	shower
Sandown	5.3	.26	10	50	shower
Shanklin	5.1	.18	10	50	rain
Bournemth	3.8	.08	10	50	shower
Poole	4.1	.14	11	52	shower
Swanage	4.1	.16	11	52	shower
Weymouth	3.1	.10	10	50	shower
Exmouth	3.1	.07	10	50	shower
Teignmouth	4.4	.09	10	50	shower
Torquay	4.7	.08	10	50	shower
Falmouth	-	.11	10	50	shower
Penzance	4.5	.11	10	50	shower
Scilly Isles	4.5	.10	10	50	bright
Jersey	4.5	.09	11	52	hail
Guernsey	3.9	.06	12	54	shower
Newquay	0.8	.98	13	55	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.12	12	54	shower
B'pool Airpt	4.1	.78	9	48	shower
Morecambe	4.3	.83	9	48	shower
Douglas	3.1	.04	7	45	shower
Dyfatn Airpt	4.8	.13	8	46	shower
Bristol (Cnt)	3.7	.02	9	48	shower
Carlisle	3.9	.19	7	45	rain
London	8.6	.02	11	52	sunny
Manchester	4.7	.11	7	45	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	4.9	.02	7	45	bright
Nottingham	5.0	.07	7	45	shower
Aughton	3.5	.06	10	50	hail
Cardiff (Cnt)	1.9	.08	9	48	hail
Colwyn Bay	*	.89	9	48	rain
Tenby	1.6	.40	9	48	rain
Aberdeen	2.1	.48	5	41	shower
Edinburgh	4.2	.24	6	43	shower
Eskdalemuir	4.9	.23	6	43	shower
Glasgow	3.9	.23	7	45	shower
Kinloss	4.2	.31	6	41	bright
Lerwick	-	.09	5	41	rain
Prestwick	3.1	.07	7	45	shower
Stornoway	2.0	.01	7	45	shower
Tiree	7.1	.22	7	45	hail
Wick	3.9	.18	3	37	shower
Belfast	2.5	.02	5	41	shower

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	16	61	Cologne	c	6	43
Akrotiri	r	18	64	C'phagn	f	7	45
Alex'dria	f	19	66	Corfu	s	16	61
Algiers	c	14	57	Dublin	f	8	46
Amst'dm	f	8	46	Dubrovnik	s	14	57
Athens	c	10	50	Faro	s	14	57
Bahrain	s	27	81	Florence	s	13	55
Barbados*	s	28	82	Frankfurt	c	6	43
Barcelna	f	7	45	Funchal	c	18	64
Beirut				Geneva	c	7	45
Belgrade	s	2	36	Gibraltar	s	15	59
Berlin	r	6	43	Helsinki	d	3	37
Bermuda*	f	21	70	Hong K	s	19	66
Biarritz	f	13	55	Innsbruck	s	5	41
Bordeaux	f	11	52	Istanbul	r	9	48
Bos'ne	s	9	48	Jeddah	s	27	81
Brussels	f	7	45	Jo'burg*	f	25	77
Budapst	c	-3	27	Karachi	s	25	77
B Aires*	s	30	86	L Palmas	f	20	68
Cairo	f	19	66	Lisbon	s	9	48
Cape Tn	s	32	90	Locarno	c	8	46
Chicago	s	16	61	L Angels*	s	15	59
Chicago*	c	1	34	Luxmbrg	c	3	37
Ch'church	c	17	63	Madrid	s	25	77
				Majorca	c	13	55
				Malaga	s	15	59
				Malta	f	18	61
				Melb'rne	f	27	81
				Mexico C*	s	19	66
				Miami	s	28	82
				Milan	f	7	45
				Montreal*			
				Moscow	s	-5	23
				Munich	fg	0	32
				Nairobi	r	18	64
				Naples	s	16	61
				N Delhi	s	21	70
				N York*	r	9	43
				Nice	c	13	55
				Oslo	f	6	41
				Paris	fg	6	43
				Peking			
				Perth	s	21	70
				Prague	c	-1	30
				Reykjvik	c	3	37
				Rhodes	s	17	63
				Rio de J	s	25	77
				Riyadh	s	22	72
				Rome	s	13	55
				Salzburg	c	1	34
				S P'lsco*			
				Santiago*	s	27	81
				S Paulo*	c	21	70
				Seoul	s	7	45
				Sing'por	th	25	77
				St'kholm	f	7	45
				Strasb'rg	fg	5	41
				Sydney	s	22	72
				Tangier	s	14	57
				Tel Aviv	c	17	63
				Tenerife	s	21	70
				Tokyo	s	17	63
				Toronto*			
				Tunis	f	15	59
				Valencia	s	15	59
				Vanc'ver*			
				Venice	s	9	48
				Vienna	c	-2	28
				Warsaw	c	3	37
				Wash'ton*	r	9	48
				Wel'ton	s	14	57
				Zurich	c	5	41

These are Tuesday's figures
*Figures not available

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	7	45	Guernsey	f	9	48
B'ningham	s	5	41	Inverness	f	5	41
Blackpool	s	4	39	Jersey	s	9	48
Bristol	s	7	45	London	s	7	45
Cardiff	f	7	45	M'chester	f	4	39
Edinburgh	f	4	39	Newcastle	s	4	39
Glasgow	f	5	41	R'nidsway	c	8	46

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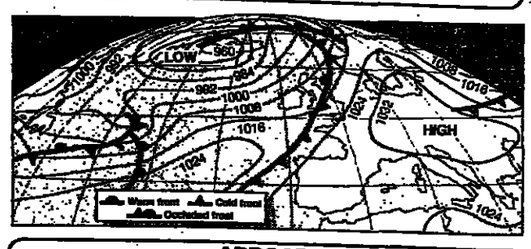

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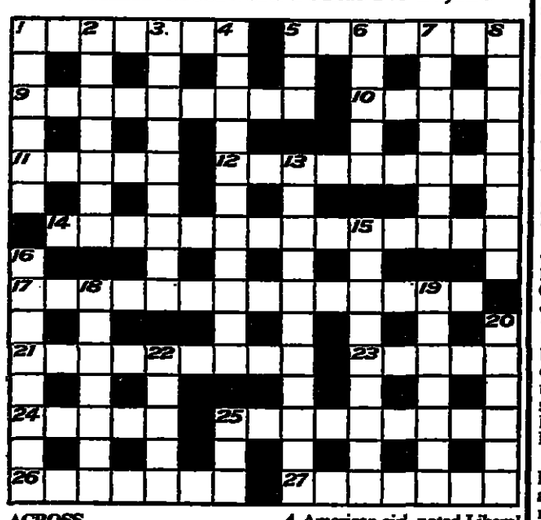


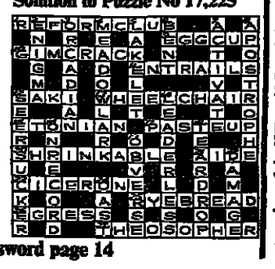
ACROSS

1 Saw demonstrator before bishop (7).
5 Former speaker in Devon (7).
9 Something attractive in oldest one switching first couple (9).
10 Wise man's brief farewell (5).
11 European undergrowth (5).
12 Remove king or queen, say? Shame! (9).
14 Procedural rules for terminating sittings? (8,6).
17 Wine cask game writer found in English resort (9,5).
21 She makes porter cross, as well as artist (9).
23 Timely as chalk may be (2,3).
24 Blunder, repeating third note in quartet (5).
25 Operating with great physician inside (5,4).
26 Furniture for grown-up and child (7).
27 Figure concealed by Venetian on a gondola (7).

DOWN

1 Language — it could be French (6).
2 Eccentrics accept finally what's left (7).
3 Oriental festival stricter when overlapping (9).
4 American girl, noted Liberal (5-6).
5 Observe basis of equal retaliation (3).
6 How to score fast (5).
7 Release what's apparently tight (7).
8 German hair-piece for Diana (8).
13 Keeping apart from Saint George, somehow (11).
15 Note producer's mixture of red and orange (4-5).
16 Neat part of course (8).
18 Work manually and complete, we hear, what's required (7).
19 Deficient as France's mere ruler (7).
20 River in Southern level (6).
22 Tossed caber that's sharp (5).
25 Forget lines may be out of water (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,225



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1285.5 (+1.1)

FT-SE 100
1634.6 (–1.3)

Bargains
31309 (35432)

USM (Datastream)
129.17 (–0.12)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4250 (+0.0035)

W German mark
2.8628 (–0.0072)

Trade-weighted
68.2 (–0.1)

Reject BTR bid, says Pilkington

Pilkington Brothers, the world's biggest glassmaker, has strongly advised shareholders to reject the £1.2 billion takeover bid from industrial conglomerate BTR.

Mr Antony Pilkington, the chairman, said in the formal defence document: "In 20 years, Pilkington has moved from fourth position in the world to undisputed leader. I would regard it as grossly inadequate if the very substantial benefits which are resulting from our successful strategy were to flow to BTR shareholders rather than to the shareholders of Pilkington."

Thorn ahead

Thorn EMI, the electricals, entertainment and microchip group, made pretax profits of £41.5 million in the half year to September 30 against £11.4 million in thecorresponding period on turnover 3 per cent lower at £1.49 billion. The dividend is unchanged at 5p.

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Brewers' chief

Mr Anthony Fuller, above, chairman and managing director of Fuller, Smith & Turner, the family-run London brewer, has been elected chairman of the Brewers' Society. The new vice-chairman is Mr Alick Rankin, group chief executive of Scottish & Newcastle

McCarthy up

Shares in McCarthy & Stone, market leader in sheltered housing, soared by 23 per cent after results that were better than expected. Pretax profits for the year to August 31 rose from £9.6 million to £16.1 million on turnover 77 per cent higher at £67.2 million. A final dividend of 2.51p was declared, making a total – adjusted for the rights issue in May – of 3.31p.

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Exxon deal

Exxon Corpn is to receive $246 million (£172.3) or 34 cents a share from the sale of the Exxon office building to Mitsui Fudosan (NY).

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Profits several millions better than most expectations

Gloom clears at Guinness

By John Bell, City Editor

Guinness, the brewing and spirits group, yesterday delivered the first substantial trading report since its £2.7 billion takeover of whisky giant Distillers in the Spring. The City judged it as largely satisfactory and a welcome relief from the gloom surrounding Guinness since the Department of Trade and Industry began an investigation, 10 days ago, into share dealings during the bid.

The news was complex due to the initial contribution from Distillers and an impending change of year end. But at £241 million, profits before tax for the year to September 30, were £5 to £10 million better than most expectations. The figure represented a rise of 180 per cent.

For shareholders, the dividend message was clear. A second interim payment of 5.86p is being made because of the change of year end and that amounts to a rise of 13 per cent.

News from the original Guinness companies was well up to expectations. During the acrimonious battle for control of Distillers, Mr Ernest Saunders, the chief executive of Guinness – now chairman – forecast profits of £130 million, a figure exceeded with £2 million to spare.

Analysts were impressed by the performance in the light of the fourfold devaluation of the currency in Nigeria, an important overseas market for Guinness.

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Excluding acquisiitons made this year and last, the "old" Guinness companies achieved a 16 per cent improvement in profits. Brewing volume grew by 7 per cent, which industry sources considered to be a favourable result for a group whose major product was considered ex-growth a few years ago.

The group's retailing interests also performed strongly making an important contribution to the £27 million profits – more than double – from what Guinness describes as its "development sector."

The Bells whisky operations, bought before Guinness moved in on Distillers, has at last halted the decline of its market share

News from Distillers itself was mixed, with the key US market showing a severe downturn over the past six months.

This followed an important period of stocking up ahead of the increase in Federal Excise Tax last year and a stocking up of Distillers' distribution chain at the tail-end of the takeover battle.

There is some evidence that the decline is being halted but trading is being affected by a discount war and generally tougher competition. Over the past months, Distillers brands appear to have improved their market share.

Yet total Distillers profits were £134 million in the five months and a half of consolidation against £124 million for the previous six months.

The takeover of Distillers boosted group debt by nearly £700 million but disposals have already raised £200 million.

Nick Rogers

Guinness chairman Ernest Saunders: a toast to the future

Nationwide and Anglia in record merger

By Peter Gartland

The Nationwide and Anglia building societies are to merge.

The Nationwide is the third biggest and the Anglia the seventh, and the merger – to form the Nationwide Anglia – will be the biggest in building society history.

The new society will remain third in size – behind the Halifax and Abbey National. However, it will become what Mr Leonard Williams, chairman of Nationwide, calls a "mega-society" with estimated assets of more than £18 billion.

The Nationwide has nearly 3.5 million savers and the Anglia just over 2 million. The Nationwide Anglia will have 5.5 million savers and 850,000 mortgage borrowers. Mr Tim Melville-Ross, chief general manager of the Nationwide, will be chief executive.

The merger resolution is subject to the approval of members of both societies. If approved, the merger will come into effect on September 1, 1987.

The Nationwide and the Anglia have been at the forefront of diversification plans ahead of implementation of the Building Societies Act on January 1. The new legislation allows societies to engage in a much wider range of activities.

Both societies will continue to develop their diversification plans separately with the intention that the full range of services will be offered by the merged society.

The branch structure of the two societies will remain largely intact. The Nationwide has 528 branches and the Anglia 400. The Nationwide is strongest in the south of England while the Anglia has a major presence in East Anglia and the East Midlands. Neither society has a big representation in the north of England.

If the merger goes ahead a maximum of 50 of the combined total of 928 branch offices will be closed to the public. Many of theclosed offices will be used for administration. Both societies have promised that there will be no compulsory redundancies.

There should be some good news for the 304,000 Anglia borrowers. At 12.375 per cent the Anglia's mortgage rate for both repayment and endowment mortgages is one-eighth of one per centage point higher than that of the Nationwide.

Statement on Collier charges

Mr John Holmes, a director of Morgan Grenfell Securities, made a formal statement yesterday in connection with allegations that Mr Geoffrey Collier used his telephone to make calls leading to alleged insider dealing offences.

Mr Michael Cassell, an employee in the United States of Vickers da Costa, the broker, is named in the charges against Mr Collier as the recipient of inside information from Mr Collier in a case to be heard at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court.

Mr Holmes, in his statement, agreed in consultation with the solicitors, Slaughter & May, said: "I have made a full statement to the relevant authorities and as I am a potential witness in the Collier case it would be inappropriate for me to make any further comment."

Court thwarts Hanson's plan

By Lawrence Lever

Hanson Trust's controversial plan to take an estimated £80 million surplus in the Courage pension funds was thwarted by the High Court yesterday.

The decison means the three Courage pension funds will remain intact under the control of Elders IXL, the Australian lager company which bought Courage from Hanson for £1.4 billion. Moreover, Elders will now have to pay an extra £50 million – representing the value of the surplus after tax – to Hanson.

Mr Justice Millett's ruling makes it harder for companies to close off their pension funds as a defensive tactic against a potential predator.

The High Court proceedings were taken by the committee of management of the three Courage pension funds. They were seeking a declaration on whether they could sign documents which would lead to Hanson retaining the surplus and the liability to pay the existing and deferred pensioners.

The management committee asked also if it could re-open the three pension funds to new members. The Imperial Group had closed the funds as a defensive tactic against Hanson Trust.

The judge said the management committee could not sign the documents. The effect of this is that the funds stay with Courage. He also ruled that the management committee could re-open the funds to new members. This means that Imperial's plans to block the funds to Hanson employees would not automatically have worked.

Trafalgar buys Broseley for £74m

By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent

Trafalgar House, the property, construction and shipbuilding company, is to buy Broseley Estates and Frederick Powell & Sons, the housebuilders, from Guardian Royal Exchange for £74 million.

Trafalgar House is to pay for the acquisitions, which it says will boost its housebuilding capacity by 50 per cent to 6,000 homes a year, through a placing of 30.28 million shares at 245p a share. Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, has agreed to buy all Trafalgar House shares at this price.

The deal comes hard on the heels of Trafalgar's year-end results. These showed pretax profits of £145.8 million with an extraordinary write-off of £56.8 million on the value of its oil and gas investments.

Trafalgar says the purchase will not result in a dilution of earnings.

Broseley's profits are estimated at £9 million for 1986. This is before an interest charge of £4 million on intercompany debt which will be capitalized before the acquisition, offsetting the 7 per cent increase in Traflagar's share capital.

The purchase also brings Trafalgar handy tax losses and a land bank of 7,000 homes. Most of these are situated in the south of England.

Trafalgar's housebuilding subsidiary, Ideal Homes, into which Broseley will be integrated, was one of the company's most profitable activities.

Guardian Royal Exchange, the insurance broker, says it is selling its housebuilding operation because it does not fit into its long-term strategy. The money raised from the sale will be used to develop GRE's normal insurance and investment activities.

Relief at Mercury as Steinberg sells

By Our Banking Correspondent

Mr Saul Steinberg, the New York businessman, yesterday sold his controversial holding in Mercury International, the merchant banking and securities conglomerate, to the pension fund of the Canadian National Railways. The deal is worth £100 million and gives Mr Steinberg a profit of £30 million.

There was "pleasurable relief" at Mercury that the troublesome shareholding had at last changed hands but experts were astonished at the high price paid by CNR.

The 15 per cent stake changed hands for 455p a share, 50p above market price. Immediately after the announcement of the sale, Mercury's shares tumbled 30p to 374p as expectations of a bid from Mr Steinberg evaporated.

One stockbroker said: "We estimate Mercury's full diluted earnings at the year end will be 30p a share, which means the shares have been bought on a multiple of 15 times." Most financial conglomerates trade on multiples of up to 8.5 times earnings.

Mr David Scholey, the chairman of Mercury, said that the purchase had taken him by surprise. "CNR is a sound long-term investor and we will be meeting them in the next few days." He added: "CNR will have noted the exchanges between Mr Steinberg and myself and will know the kind of relationship we wish to maintain with our shareholders."

The deal was put together by Mr Barry McFadzean, who used to work for S G Warburg – the merchant banking arm of Mercury – and now runs his own company, Corporate Advisory Service. Mr McFadzean approached CNR and suggested that Mr Steinberg might be willing to sell his stake.

There was considerable relief also at Hoare Govett, Mr Steinberg's main London stockbroker. Mr Richard Westmacott, a joint senior partner, had first interested Mr Steinberg in Mercury but was embarrassed by the size of the stake his client built up.

Mr Steingberg's Reliance Insurance first started buying Mercury shares last year, despite strong opposition from Mercury's board. In October he increased his stake to 15 per cent,tearing up an agreement with the company not to go above 10 per cent.

Beecham's sell-offs to net £300m

By Alison Eadie

Beecham, the pharmaceuticals and household products group, is selling its British, French and German home improvement products businesses to Henkel of West Germany for £42 million in cash. The sale includes Unibond-Copydex in Britain, but not UHU adhesives.

Beecham hopes to sell the US home improvement business by the end of this financial year for about £120 million. The management buyout option for the home improvement businesses did not materialize because Henkel offered more money, a Beecham spokesman said.

The sale of Germaine Monteil, Beecham's US cosmetics subsidiary, should be finalized by the end of the month. The disposals will net Beecham more than £300 million. The company is looking for a big acquisition in its core areas of pharmaceuticals and over-the-counter medicines.

● BAT Industries' German subsidiary, BATIG, also announced yesterday that agreement had been reached to sell its home improvement division to Swedish Match for about £100 million.

Hornby steams for USM

By Carol Ferguson

Hornby Group, best known for Hornby model railways and Scalextric slot car racing, is coming to the unlisted securities market with a price tag of £8 million.

The USM debut is taking place amid Hornby's busiest period and the group, whose chairman is Mr Jack Strowger, is forecasting pretax profits for the year to December 31 of at least £1 million before interest on the buy-out finance.

The first Hornby model train was developed in 1920 by Meccano, the company founded by Frank Hornby to make construction toys.

In 1964, Meccano was bought by its main competitor, Rovex, which also owned Scalextric and Tri-ang. Rovex merged Hornby trains with its own Tri-ang Railways to create the Tri-ang Hornby range of model trains.

In 1982, the first year after the buyout, Hornby made a pretax loss of £1.2 million before interest on the buy-out finance. Since then, cost-cutting, and the introduction of new products such as Thomas the Tank Engine have enabled profits to grow steadily.

The stockbrokers Alexanders Laing and Cruikshank are placing 4.9 million shares, equivalent to 61 per cent of the group's enlarged share capital at 100p a share.

At the placing price, the shares are on a multiple of 11.4 times forecast earnings, and offer a gross yield of 4.5 per cent.

Dealings are expected to start next Thursday.

Toying with success: Strowger and Thomas the Tank Engine

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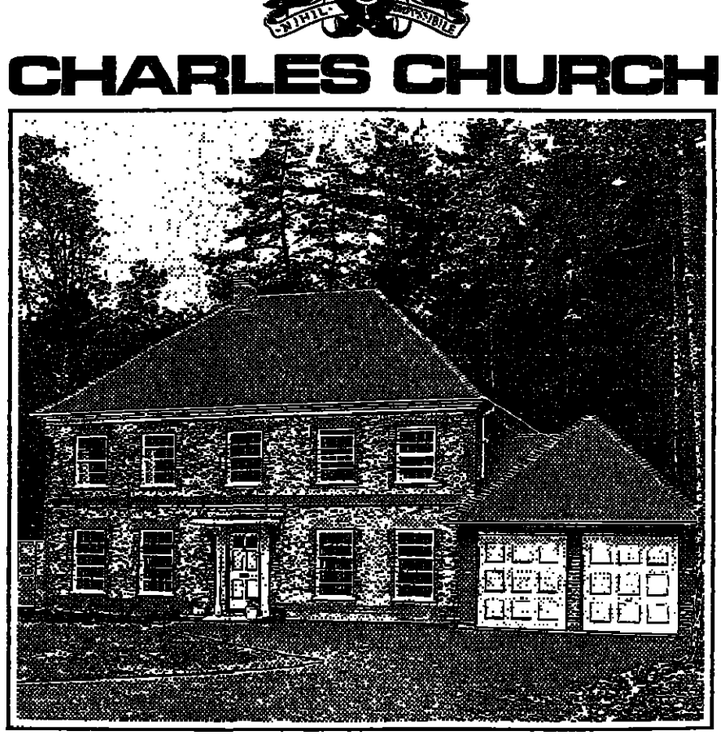

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1921.12 (+4.22)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	18776.18 (+173.18)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2442.59 (+2.24)
Amsterdam: Gen	284.5 (–1.3)
Sydney: AO	1430.8 (–9.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	2061.7 (–1.9)
Brussels:	
General	4129.6 (–2.43)
Paris: CAC	410.0 (+2.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen	563.30 (same)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT Gilts	81.64 (+0.29)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11 $^{7}/_{16}$–11 $^{5}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 10 $^{53}/_{32}$–10 $^{7}/_{16}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5 $^{13}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.48-5.46%*
30-year bonds 102 $^{2}/_{32}$–102½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4250	$: £1.4255*
£: DM2.8628	$: DM2.0085*
£: SwFr2.3940	$: SwFr1.6802*
£: FFr9.3836	$: FFr6.5845*
£: Yen231.70	$: Yen162.50*
£: Index 68.2	$: Index: 110.8
ECU £0.723806	SDR £n/a

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Natwest	312p (+10p)
Grand Met.	458p (+10p)
Booth Ind.	150p (+15p)
McCarthy & Stone	290p (+48p)
Western Motor	178p (+15p)
Superdrug	457p (+12p)
Equipu	265p (+62p)
Siebe	813p (+10p)
Trafford Park	275p (+19p)
Pathology JS	458p (+18p)
Louis Newmark	303p (+25p)
Downibrae	68p (+16p)
Untied Ceramics	123p (+10p)
Cons Gold	666p (+9p)

FALLS:

Oxford Inst	399p (–21p)
Tex Holdings	111p (–20p)
Samuelson	177p (–11p)
Unilever	2190p (–20p)
Gus 'A'	1000p (–20p)
IC Gas	529p (–14p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $387.25 pm-$391.50
close $390.75-391.25 (£274.25-274.75)
New York:
Comex $390.40-390.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) pm $14.55 bbl($14.55)
* Denotes latest trading price

City insiders rate BZW as the firm to succeed

Life after Big Bang

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities house offshoot of Barclays Bank, is rated as the financial conglomerate most likely to succeed in the post-Big Bang world, according to a survey of 100 City insiders published yesterday.

BZW chalked up 50 per cent more marks than its closest rival, Mercury International. Both companies were well ahead of Merrill Lynch and Normura, which took third and fourth place in the list of companies expected to be most successful.

Among the British companies, Kleinwort Benson was sixth and National Westminster eighth. Companies which had chosen either a low-key approach to Big Bang or had aimed to be "niche" players, scored lowest.

The report, undertaken three weeks after Big Bang, surveyed senior bankers, stockbrokers and fund managers. It was conducted by Business Opinion, a subsidiary of Charles Barker City, the public relations company.

Most respondents felt more competition from foreign companies would help to make London a more international financial centre. Merrill Lynch was seen as the most active among foreign competition, followed by Citicorp, Goldman Sachs and Salomon Brothers.

Only 12 per cent of respondents thought City conglomerates had adequate capital backing. Most thought the quality of the people working for financial conglomerates was more important than the size of capital.

The survey revealed a surprising ignorance about the new regulatory structure. Most people thought the absence of direct government involvement in City regulation was desirable.

IC Gas bid is referred

Barclay Brothers' bid for IC Gas, the Calor Gas group, has been referred to the Monopolies Commission. The twins, who made the bid through Gulf Resources, said it would now lapse.

Mr Paul Channon, the Industry Secretary, referred the bid on the recommendation of the Office of Fair Trading. He considered the financing proposals and their possible implication for Calor Gas users raised issues needing investigation. IC Gas welcomed the referral, saying the offer raised "serious public interest questions".

£150m put into science parks

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

There are now 28 fully operational science parks, an increase of a third since 1985, and a further seven are under construction, according to a survey by Peat Marwick, the consultant.

Total investment is more than £150 million, with £92 million in completed parks, £47 million estimated for expansion and £14 million earmarked for parks under construction.

Universities account for 19 per cent of spending at nine parks. Local authorities and Government development agencies have also been key sources of capital.

In the past year 12 financial failures were reported among science park enterprises — equivalent to 2.9 per cent of the total.

Two-thirds of park companies were less than three years old, and the average number of employees was 7.2. Science parks accounted for a total of 5,311 jobs, a 53 per cent increase in the year. More than 2,300 jobs were in the science parks associated with the universities of Cambridge and Heriot Watt, the two pioneers of such parks.

The strong bias in science parks towards high technology industry is underlined by the survey. A third of the companies were in computing and a fifth in the electrical sector,

Manufacturing industry is losing its way, says report

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Britain's manufacturing industry is losing its way by concentrating too much on low-cost production at the expense of developing new, better products and adopting the latest manufacturing technologies, according to a report* out yesterday.

The study, produced by the British Institute of Management with the British Production and Inventory Control Society and Cranfield School of Management, looked at manufacturing performance 10 years after a similar survey made by Cranfield's Professor Colin New, who led the latest investigation.

The overwhelming conclusion from the latest survey is that, despite some improvements, "very little has happened" in British manufacturing over the last 10 years. Rather than castigating operating managers, it suggests the analysis presents the whole management team of companies with serious issues.

It highlights the disproportionate attention by managements to direct labour costs. For the average company, a 10 per cent saving on the cost of bought-in goods would reduce total costs by 5.1 per cent while a similar labour cost reduction would cut factory costs by only 1.8 per cent.

The report adds: "UK plants are still obsessed with low-cost production, consistently ranking it above the ability to produce high-performance products."

The survey's catalogue of problems includes:

● No significant improvement in delivery performance;

● A "frightening" lack of concern about new technology. More than three quarters of plants using robots reported poor returns.

● Less than half the 240 manufacturers surveyed intended putting even a fairly high emphasis on computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM) technologies. But almost 70 per cent of the manufacturers reported an increase in investment in new technology.

● The effective use of lead times for improving processing has hardly changed;

● British manufacturers did not seem to worry about falling behind in process technology.

But an encouraging finding was that, unlike 10 years ago, companies which monitored delivery performance were consistently outperforming those that did not.

The report pinpoints the problem of over-committed factory capacity being caused mostly by an assumption that current productivity performance can be significantly improved short-term when that was hardly ever likely.

Professor New yesterday offered his own list of prescriptive measures:

● Manufacturers should concentrate on what they could do really well;

● More emphasis on manufacturing engineering with changed attitudes by manufacturing designers;

● Three-year payback on investment, commonly expected in Britain, is unrealistic where advanced technologies are involved;

● City institutions should give long-term commitments to manufacturing industry, possibly with legislation ensuring some equity funding, as in West Germany where the banks play that role, to dilute the present loan funding. Professor New said: "The current attitude in the City is rather like gambling on roulette on the Titanic as the ship is sinking."

**Managing Manufacturing Operations in the UK 1975-1985*: by Professor Colin New and Mr Andrew Myers, research assistant, Cranfield School of Management; £20 from K.Jones, Management House, Cottingham Road, Corby, Northants NN17 1TT.

£43m buy expands Inchcape's insurance arm

By Alison Eadie

Inchcape, the international trading group, is expanding its insurance operations by acquiring Clarkson Puckle from Dalgety for £43.1 million.

Insurance is one of Inchcape's core businesses through subsidiary Bain Dawes, an insurance broker operating in five continents placing annual premiums of £600 million.

Clarkson's pretax profits in the 18 months to June 30 were £2.9 million and will be not less than £4.3 million, adjusted for non-recurring items, in the year ending December 31.

Inchcape has not finalized the method of financing the deal.

Mr Simon Arnold, chief executive of Bain Dawes, said the acquisition would enhance the company's objectives of expanding its worldwide operations.

Mr Anthony Howland Jackson, chief executive of Clarkson Puckle, welcomed the opportunity to become part of "an aggressive and forward-looking firm of Lloyd's brokers."

Sketchley pays £20m for Equipu

By Lawrence Lever

Sketchley, the dry cleaning to workwear group, is buying Equipu, the office equipment company, for £20.7 million.

The agreed offer is supported by the Equipu board. Holders of more than 50 per cent of the Equipu shares have undertaken to accept.

Sketchley is offering one new Sketchley share plus 100p in cash or loan notes for every two Equipu shares. With Sketchley's shares closing at 444p yesterday, this values each Equipu share at 272p.

In July Equipu announced a 12 per cent decline in full year pretax profits. The shares had fallen 70p to 140p in anticipation of the results.

Sketchley said yesterday that the acquisition of Equipu was in line with its policy of acquiring businesses in service industries with higher levels of sustainable growth.

The company recently bought Breakmate, which supplies and services drink vending machines, and CCM, which supplies workwear.

Correction

Vaux Group has rationalized production on the Vaux Brewery in Sunderland and on the Ward brewery in Sheffield. It has not closed these breweries, as reported yesterday.

WALL STREET

Investors still seeking market leadership

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares were slightly higher in early trading. Volume was relatively light as investors continued their search for market leadership.

They awaited today's report on retail sales and money supply for a clue about the next move in Federal Reserve monetary policy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 4 points to 1920. Advances led declines 5-4 on a volume of 17 million shares.

The transportation average was up 0.95 and 842.43 while utilities, at 211.65 was up 0.34. Stocks moved up 2.13 to 755.32.

The Standard & Poor's 100 index was up 1.15 to 238.07 and the S & P composite was 250.45, up 1.17.

Community Psychiatric led the active with a drop of 1 point to 29⅝. Baxter Laboratories rose ¼ to 20½, IBM ¾ to 127⅝ and Time ⅜ to 71⅝.

Culbro, which announced a special distribution to holders, rose 1½ to 53¾.

	Dec 9	Dec 8
AMR	55¾	56⅛
ASA	36	36¾
Allied Signal	42¾	42¾
Allied Strs	67¾	67¾
Allis Chlmrs	2⅜	2½
Alcoa	34¾	34¾
Amax Inc	12¾	12¾
Am'rda Hs	22½	22¾
Am Brands	44¾	44¾
Am Can	86¾	89¼
Am Cynm'd	82¾	82¾
Am El Pwr	29¾	29¾
Am Express	60	60⅝
Am Home	80	80¾
Am Motors	3⅞	3
Am St'nrd	43¾	43¾
Am Teleph	27¼	27¾
Amoco	63½	64¼
Armco Steel	5¼	5⅞
Asarco	14¾	14½
Ashland Oil	57¾	57¼
At Richfield	57¾	58¾
Avon Prods	30	29¾
Bkrs Tst NY	45⅞	45¾
Bankamer	15	14¾
Bk of Bston	41⅝	41½
Bank of NY	41¼	41¼
Beth Steel	4⅞	5
Boeing	51⅝	51½
Bse Cascde	61¼	63
Brden	50¾	49⅝
Bg Warner	37¼	37⅞
Brist Myers	81¼	81½
BP	39¾	39⅝
Burl'ton Ind	41⅝	42¼
Burl'ton Ntn	58⅝	60⅝
Brunswick	33¾	33
Cmpbell Sp	61½	61¼
Can Pacific	12⅝	12½
Caterpiller	39⅝	40
Celanese	241¾	242⅝
Central SW	35½	35¾
Champion	31¾	32¼
Chase Man	36⅝	36⅝
Chm Bk NY	45⅝	46½
Chevron	45⅛	45⅝
Chrysler	38¾	39⅝
Citicorp	53	54⅛
Clark Equip	20⅝	20⅞
Coca Cola	38⅜	38¾
Colgate	41⅜	43
CBS	138⅝	134
C'lmbia Gas	44¾	44⅞
Cmb'tn Eng	32¼	32¾
Comwlth Ed	33⅞	33⅝
Cons Edis	47¾	48⅜
Cn Nat Gas	34¼	33¾
Cons Power	15¾	15⅞
Cntrl Data	25⅝	25½
Corning Gl	55½	57
CPC Intl	77⅝	77⅝
Crane	34¼	34¼
Curtiss Wrt	53¾	53⅝
Data Genl.	33¼	34
Deere	23¾	23⅝
Delta Air	49⅝	49⅝
Detroit Ed	18¾	18⅞
Digital Eq	107	108¾
Disney	44¼	44⅞
Dow Chem	60¼	61¼
Dresser Ind	19½	20¼
Duke Power	48½	48⅝
Du Pont	89⅝	89¾
Estm Kodak	67⅝	67⅝
Eaton Corp	75	75½
Emerson El	88⅝	90¼
Emery Air	12⅝	13⅛
Exxon Corp	69⅝	69¾
Fed Dpt Sts	88⅝	89⅝

	Dec 9	Dec 8
Firestone	27⅞	28⅛
Fst Chicago	32½	32⅝
Fst Int Bncp	54¼	54¼
Fst Penn C	9	9
Ford	57⅝	57½
FT Wachva	38¾	38⅝
GAF Corp	40	40⅝
GTE Corp	59⅝	59⅝
Gen Corp	81	81¼
Gen Dy'mcs	73⅝	73½
Gen Electric	86½	87¼
Gen Inst	18¾	19½
Gen Mills	41½	42¼
Gen Motors	70⅝	70⅞
Gn Pb Ut ny	23½	23⅞
Genesco	3⅞	3⅞
Georgia Pac	38⅝	38¾
Gillete	49⅜	51¼
Goodrich	44½	45
Goodyear	42¾	42⅝
Gould Inc	19	18¾
Grace	52	52¾
Gt Atl & Tac	24⅝	24¾
Gr'hnd	32⅜	33
Gruman Cor	27½	27⅝
Gulf & West	68	68¾
Heinz H.J.	42⅜	43
Hercules	58⅝	58¼
H'lett-Pkrd	43⅝	44¼
Honeywell	65⅝	65½
IC Inds	25⅞	25
Ingersoll	58	59¼
Inland Steel	18⅝	18¾
IBM	127	127⅝
INCO	11¾	12
Int Paper	76⅞	77½
Int Tel Tel	58⅜	54¼
Irving Bank	50⅝	50⅝
Jhnsn & Jhn	70⅝	71
Kaiser Alum	13½	13⅞
Kerr McGee	29⅜	29⅜
Kmb'ly Clrk	85⅜	88¼
K Mart	47⅞	48⅜
Kroger	30⅞	30¾
L.T.V. Corp	1⅝	1½
Litton	79	79⅝
Lockheed	51¾	53⅝
Lucky Strs	31	30⅞
Man H'nver	48	47⅞
Manville Cp	2⅜	2
Mapco	61½	60
Marine Mid	46⅝	46⅝
Mrt Marietta	40¼	41⅞
Masco	28⅝	27⅞
McDonalds	62⅜	63¾
McDonnell	75⅜	75½
Mead	57⅞	57⅞
Merck	114	114¾
Minsta Mng	115¼	115⅝
Mobil Oil	38⅝	38¾
Monsanto	78½	78⅜
Morgan J.P.	86⅝	86⅝
Motorola	37⅝	38¾
NCR Corp	49	49½
NL Indstrs	5½	5⅝
Nat Distlrs	46⅞	45⅞
Nat Med Ent	24⅝	24⅞
Nat Smcndt	11¼	11¼
Norfolk Sth	85⅝	86½
NW Bancrp	38⅝	39⅝
Occdnt Pet	27⅝	27⅜
Ogden	44⅝	44⅝
Olin Corp	44⅝	44¾
Owens-Ill	44	44½
Pac Gas El	24⅜	25⅜
Pan Am	5	4⅞
Penney J.C.	80⅝	82¾
Pennzoil	72⅜	72⅝
Pepsico	27¼	27⅜

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Pfizer	62⅜	62⅝
Phelps Dge	21⅝	21¾
Philip Mrs	74¼	74½
Phillips Pet	10⅞	10⅝
Polaroid	70⅝	71⅝
PPG Ind	73⅝	74⅝
Prctr Gmbl	77¼	77⅞
Pb S E & G	41½	41⅝
Raytheon	68	68½
Rynlds Met	39¼	40⅝
Rockwell Int	44⅜	44⅝
Royal Dutch	91⅝	91⅜
Sara Lee	69⅝	69½
SFE Scpac	32⅝	33
Schl'berger	33⅞	33¾
Scott Paper	64⅝	64⅝
Seagram	63¼	63¾
Sears Rbck	42⅝	43
Shell Trans	54½	54¼
Singer	38	39¼
Smthkln Bk	89⅝	90⅝
Sony	21¼	22⅜
Sth Cal Ed	35¼	35⅝
S'Wstn Bell	114½	114⅝
Std Oil	47⅝	48
Sterling Drg	46⅝	46⅝
Stevens JP	38¾	39
Sun Comp	57⅝	58⅝
Teledyne	314¾	318⅝
Tenneco	37⅝	37⅝
Texaco	34	34¼
Texas E Cor	29¾	30⅝
Texas Inst	124¼	123½
Texas Utils	33¼	33¼
Textron	65½	65
Travlrs Cor	44⅝	44¾
TRW Inc	93⅝	94
UAL Inc	58⅝	59½
Unilever NV	227½	228½
Unisys	82⅝	84¼
Un Carbide	22⅝	23½
Un Pac Cor	64½	65⅝
Utd Brands	33⅝	33⅝
USG Corp	41⅝	41½
Utd Technol	45⅝	45¼
USX Corp	21¼	21¼
Unocal	24¼	24¾
Jim Walter	49⅝	48⅝
Wrner Lmbt	57⅝	58½
Wells Fargo	104¼	105¼
W'ghse El	59⅝	60½
Weyerh'ser	39¼	39⅝
Whirlpool	69½	71⅝
Woolworth	42½	42
Xerox Corp	61¼	62
Zenith	20⅝	20½

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	26¼	26¾
Alcn Alum	12⅝	39⅜
Algoma Stl	11¼	11¼
Can Pacific	17	17⅝
Cominco	13¼	13¼
Con Bathrst	28⅝	28½
Hkr/Sid Can	26⅝	25¾
Hdsn B Min	22⅝	22¼
Imasco	32½	33
Imperial Oil	47⅜	47⅜
In Pipe	38¾	38⅝
Ryl Trustco	29⅝	29¼
Seagram	87⅝	86¾
Steel Co	18⅝	19⅜
Thmsn N 'A'.	30⅝	29¾
Varity Corp	2.59	2.66
WCT	12⅞	12¾
Weston	31	30¾

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

COMPANY NEWS

● **ASSOCIATED PAPER INDUSTRIES:** Final dividend of 4.8p (4p) made 7p (6p) for the year to September 27. It is payable on February 11. Turnover in £000 was 71,218 (54,231), gross profit was 16,245 (11,088), profit before tax was 5,047 (4,615), tax was 1,045 (904) and earnings per share, on a nil distribution basis, were 17.9p (17.5p).

● **SAMUELSON GROUP:** Figures in £000 for the six months to September 30. Dividend was 0.8p (0.8p), payable April 6. Turnover was 24,578 (17,609), pretax profit was 1,354 (2,499) and earnings per share were 4.21p (7.93p).

● **MORCEAU HOLDINGS:** Figures in £000 for year to September 30. Dividend was 2.5p, making 4p (3.7p). Turnover was 16,055 (13,127), profit on ordinary activities before tax was 1,952 (3,070), tax was 257 (733) and earnings per share were 16.5p (22.8p).

● **HAVELOCK EUROPA:** Figures in £000 for half year to October 17. Dividend was 2p (1.12p), turnover was 14,693 (5,509), profit before tax was 1,324 (422), tax was 483 (175) and earnings per share were 7.01p (4.12p). The company is well poised to compete for, and benefit from, the large contracts being awarded by national stores groups.

● **THE DERITEND STAMPING:** Results for the six months to August 31 in £000. Dividend was 2.7p (2.4p), turnover was 21,053 (19,966), pretax profit was 905 (704), tax was 404 (260) and earnings per share were 9.5p (8.42p).

● **BTP:** Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Dividend was 2p (1.5p), turnover was 29,736 (19,619), profit before tax was 2,735 (1,909), tax was 955 (726) and earnings per share were 4.48p (3.59p).

● **MICRO SCOPE:** Dividend was 1p (1p), making 1.53p for the year to October 31. Figures in £000. Turnover was 4,896 (3,873), pretax profit was 941 (1,079), tax was 301 (297) and earnings per share were 6.0p (8.0p).

● **AIRSPRUNG GROUP:** Figures in £000 for the six months to September 30. Dividend was 2.9p (2.65p), turnover was 12,063 (11,607), operating profit was 899 (827), profit before tax was 871 (748), tax was 320 (285) and earnings per share were 9.1p (8.1p). The second half has started satisfactorily.

● **TEX HOLDINGS:** Figures in £000 for the six months to September 30. Dividend was 1.5p (1.5p), turnover for on-going activities was 1,901 (1,473), while turnover for discontinued activities was (1,107). Profit before tax was 141 (203), tax was 49 (80), profit after tax was 92 (123) and earnings per share were 3.8p (5.5p).

● **CELESTION INDUSTRIES:** Half year figures to October 4 in £000. Turnover was 21,199 (18,842), pretax loss was 25 (140), loss per share was 0.1p (0.7p). The group is on target to exceed last year's results.

● **ALBION:** Dividend was 1p, making 1.8p (1.3p) for the year to September 30. Figures in £s. Turnover was 7,179,621 (6,148,110), pretax profit was 467,024 (281,921), tax was 92,259 (20,892) and earnings per share were 10.0p (7.0p).

● **ALEXANDER RUSSELL:** Dividend for six months to September 30 was 0.54p (0.47p). Turnover was 16,911 (15,249), profit after tax was 1,174 (559) and earnings per share were 4.32p (2.7p).

● **WMD:** The transfer of Lloyd's syndicate 540/542 from WMD to AUA3 is only for the 1983 year of account. It does not cover later years.

GUINNESS PLC 1986 RESULTS

Second interim statement for year to 30 September 1986

☐ Turnover up 96% to £2,325m.

☐ Profit before tax and earnings per stock unit up for the fifth successive year.

☐ Profit before tax up 180% to £241m.

☐ Earnings per stock unit up 13% to 28.5p.

☐ Dividend up 13%.

"The excellent results we have reported today flow directly from the commitment and effort of all the management, staff and employees throughout the Guinness Group.

We are taking the necessary steps to realise fully the enormous potential of our unrivalled portfolio of world class brands".

Ernest W. Saunders
Chairman. December 10th 1986

GUINNESS PLC

1986 RESULTS

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MAIN DEALERS FOR VAUXHALL-OPEL, BEDFORD AND FORD
VEHICLE LEASING AND RENTAL

OUR 5-YEAR DIVIDEND RECORD
pence per share

1982	1.00
1983	1.50
1984	3.00
1985	4.00
1986	4.50

In his statement to shareholders the Chairman, Mr Alan Jessup, said:

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I anticipate continuing progress in 1987 ... We are seeking ... other businesses within our sector which meet our criteria for further profitable growth."

A copy of the 1986 Report and Accounts is available from: The Secretary, Jessups p.l.c., London Road, Romford, Essex RM7 9QS

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Time to change treatment of state sell-off proceeds

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

It is now conventional wisdom among financial and political wiseacres that the Government is bent on electoral reflation. Spending is to be allowed to run out of control, taxes will be cut and borrowing will be increased to keep money flowing into voters' pockets. The polling booths will scarcely have closed before this merry progress is brought to an abrupt halt by a new squeeze.

The markets are prepared to tolerate this because they think it will produce a Conservative victory which, over time, will lead to more prudent fiscal policies than any likely alternative government. Yet the evidence for this coruscating political strategy is remarkably thin.

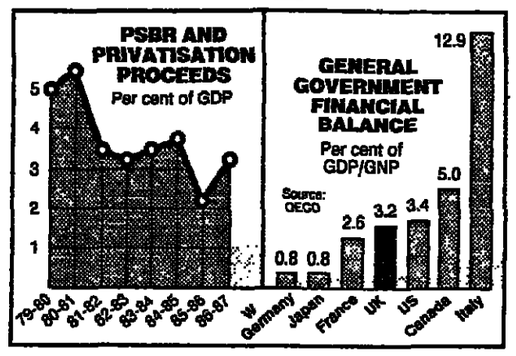
An increase in the planned total of public spending was staring ministers in the face right from the start of this year's survey. No doubt there were some savings which in other years might have been made that were judged too difficult politically with an election on the horizon, but by far the biggest element in the increase was the rise in provision for local authority spending. Over that the Government has no direct control at all. The truth seems to be rather that when ministers saw the tide coming in, they chose to take credit for a higher level of water at the lock gates.

As for the Government borrowing its way to an election victory, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, has chosen – uniquely in recent times and against the advice of some of his officials – to tie his hands. Next year's Budget judgement, he has promised, will not allow the public sector borrowing requirement to exceed 1¾ per cent of GDP – as outlined in the existing medium-term financial strategy. In other words, there will be no reflation.

Why then do the markets insist on believing that there will be? Part of the answer is simply scepticism. But the Government has made matters more difficult for itself by a lack of clarity in its budgetary policy.

Another piece of conventional wisdom is that the Government has been financing current spending by "selling off the family silver." In fact if we count privatization proceeds as simply another way of financing the Government's deficit and add them to the PSBR, then we find that borrowing and privatization proceeds together are still at much the same level as a proportion of the economy as they were in 1982-83 (see chart). The Government has not been pawning the heirlooms to go on a spree. Nor has it, on this measure, been progressively tightening fiscal policy.

There are, of course, other factors to take into account in determining whether fiscal policy is tight or loose, but they do not suggest fiscal laxity. During the build-up of revenues from the North Sea it was appropriate to reduce the level of borrowing. This was what happened in the period from the mid-1970s, when the PSBR peaked at 9¼ per cent of GDP, to the early 1980s when it settled down at about 3½ per cent. The sharp fall in oil revenues this year – a drop of more than half in a single year – has not been fully reflected in a rise in borrowing, which implies some tightening of fiscal policy.



Bringing every relevant factor together in a single measure of the fiscal stance is probably asking too much. But surely some improvement is possible on present practices. Privatization proceeds, in particular, have served to confuse the fiscal picture. Given that several other countries are about to face similar problems as privatization catches on around the world, it is instructive to look at how they plan to account for the proceeds of asset sales.

A short survey about to be published by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris suggests that Britain's treatment of privatization proceeds is looking increasingly idiosyncratic. No other country regards the proceeds as negative expenditure. A few are prepared to regard them, in whole or part, as revenue. But most are being applied to the reduction of debt which must be the proper economic policy.

In Japan, privatization proceeds have only just begun to arise with the sale of Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corporation,but is likely that they will be kept off-budget and used to reduce debt. (The underlying level of Japanese debt is higher than shown in the chart because of the surplus building up in the social fund to finance pensions in the 1990s and beyond.) The French plan to apply roughly half the proceeds of St Gobain and other sales to the reduction of debt. The other half will be used to finance a public fund for the support of state sector lame ducks like Renault. In other words, they will be treated as revenue hypothecated to a particular expenditure programme.

Canada is using privatization proceeds to reduce the debt of the companies it privatizes. If any is left over – unlikely so far – it will be treated as revenue and allowed to reduce the borrowing requirement. The US has relatively few state industries to privatize but its practice perhaps comes closest to Britain's. In order to meet the Gramm-Rudman targets for the budget deficit, loans made by the state are being sold to the private sector.

Taken as a whole, the overseas evidence reinforces the case for our own Government to make a change in its treatment of privatization proceeds. The case is not that the Government has used the proceeds of state sales to finance current spending. Fiscal policy has, in fact, remained fairly stable over the past five years, tightening in the current year with the fall in oil revenues. The case is that treating privatization proceeds as negative spending has been unnecessarily confusing and that confusion breeds suspicion.

The Government is already disposed increasingly to chart the course of public spending *excluding* privatization proceeds. Last January's Public Expenditure White Paper contained information on both bases, and figures excluding state selloffs were used by ministers extensively in the presentation of the Chancellor's autumn statement. This being so, there seems little point in maintaining the convention that asset sales reduce public spending.

That still leaves the question of whether the proceeds should be treated as revenue or confined to the capital account in line with the conventions for national accounts. Fiscal clarity demands that they should be treated as capital items. If that basis is adopted, the best existing measure of the fiscal stance is the public sector financial deficit, which is what the Treasury Select Committee favours. But, being a national accounts concept, the PSFD is measured on an accruals basis, in other words, instead of measuring the actual cash flows in the Government's accounts, it records spending and revenue due. It could be better to stick to the cash basis with which markets are familiar and publish an additional series of PSBR plus privatization proceeds. The Budget would be a good time to start.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Ernest Saunders and the wrath of God

The expectation, which may be no more than hope expressed as expectation, is that the Department of Trade and Industry's inspectors inquiring into Guinness will complete their work shortly. For Guinness plc their findings and the reaction of the department cannot come too soon. Already the decision to have an inquiry has done severe damage to the Guinness share price, raised questions about the company in other countries where it does business, and added venom to the campaign which began shortly after Guinness acquired DCL (Distillers) to discredit the chairman and chief executive of Guinness, Ernest Saunders.

No one outside the Department of Trade knows for certain what Guinness, or people within Guinness, are alleged to have done that might have been illegal. The presumption is that the inquiry relates to dealings in Guinness and Distillers shares during the contested bid for DCL, and that the DTI was moved to act on the basis of information originally supplied to the American Securities and Exchange Commission by the fallen arbitrageur Ivan Boesky, who was undoubtedly active during the Distillers bid, as he was during Guinness's earlier bid for Arthur Bell.

The feeling, right or wrong, is that the DTI would not have descended on Guinness like the wrath of God unless it was sure of its ground. It is a feeling lucidly expressed in the price of Guinness shares. In the light of Guinness's trading performance during the period covered by the figures released yesterday – satisfactory and promising for the future – the shares are cheap. The fact that they remain where they are, at a 25 per cent discount to their sector of the market, is due entirely to the DTI inquiry and the City's perceptions of its nature and outcome.

At the centre of the Guinness drama stands Ernest Saunders, a tall, enigmatic and increasingly lonely figure, whose business life since taking over the running of Guinness has so far gone through three distinctive phases. In the first he revitalized, restored and reinvigorated a moribund company. In the second, through the acquisition of Bell's and later DCL, whose inept board turned to Guinness to save them from a fate they feared more than any other, he appeared as the man most likely to revive the ailing Sctoch whisky industry. In the third he has become the victim of that peculiarly spiteful envy which the British reserve for those who succeed in business; and at the same time he is under continuous attack for not carrying through undertakings made during the Distillers bid.

In particular the Scottish lobby is baying for Saunders' blood. Whether they succeed in getting it will turn on the DTI's findings but rarely can any man, least of all the head of a leading company, have been so vilified as Ernest Saunders is in an early day motion put down in the Commons on November 20. The political campaign against him is led by Alex Fletcher, a former junior minister at the DTI and now a consultant to Jimmy Gulliver, and Nicholas Fairbairn whose relationship, though less defined, is as close with Raymond Miguel whose Arthur Bell fiefdom was taken away by Guinness. If the DTI had any hesitation about moving into Guinness, the Scottish anti-Saunders brigade stiffened Michael Howard's resolve. Guinness of course is under a severe political handicap: the Secretary of State, Mr Paul Channon, is a member of the Guinness family, and whenever the name Guinness plc is heard, puts the maximum distance between himself and the subject.

Whatever the outcome of the Guinness investigation, matters are unlikely to rest there. Guinness clearly feels that the sins of others – in the City and those involved in the bitter fighting for DCL – may be being visited on one company, contrary to the British notion of fair play. If the inspectors find what they are looking for, the temptation to cast Saunders in the role of a scapegoat will be strong. It is not a part he would willingly accept. Thus the drama will continue and the problems of City and industry implied in the Guinness affair will continue to be examined, probably against the background of acrimony between them and mounting political embarrassment for the Government.

Meanwhile, arguments over management philosophy can rage *ad nauseam* but for those who adhere to the principle that the ends justify the means, yesterday's Guinness results make interesting reading. Underlying profits pre-Distillers were not out of line with the £130 million forecast during the bid. Cost savings at Distillers are already coming through. Once Distillers gains momentum profits will rise for at least two years on the back of cost savings alone.

The business school approach adopted yesterday of presenting a plethora of figures which supposedly spoke for themselves was not wholly convincing. Indeed, given the public perception of Guinness at the moment, a more sympathetic appraoch would have gone down better.

Nevertheless, the results proved even if the group had to proceed from henceforth on auto pilot, it would not loose its way for several years.

STOCK MARKET

Talk of interest rate cut boosts trading in gilts

By Carol Leonard

Growing hopes of a ½ per cent cut in interest rates when European finance ministers meet Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Mr Sumita, the Governor of the Bank of Japan, tomorrow, were being dismissed as "over optimistic" in the City.

Instead, Mr Stephen Lewis, chief economist at Phillips & Drew, the broker, thinks a base rate rise of 1 per cent might be more likely.

"The prospect of a cut in interest rates in the UK is not really on the agenda for Friday," he says. "It could be that rates here go up or that the authorities in Britain are rescued by a round of international rate cuts."

Mr Lewis says tomorrow's meeting will probably involve a review of progress during the past year, ahead of the next International Monetary Fund meeting in April, and touch on the problem of finding a managing director to succeed M Jacques de la Rosieré, who retires at the end of the month.

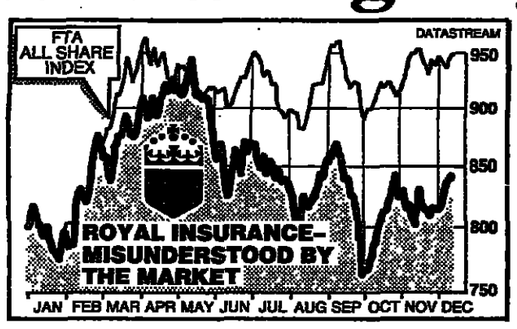
A party of 40 City retail analysts will be in Solihull today visiting Foster Brothers, the menswear, childrenswear and Millets chain, which leapt into the arms of Sears rather than be taken over by Ward White. Sears, down 1p to 123p, will be unveiling development plans.

Talk of an interest rate cut caused a flurry of activity in the gilt-edged market early on, with rates moving ahead by more than £½ within the first hour. The Government made the most of the opportunity by selling off the final part of its £100 million tranche of 2007 stock, first issued 10 days ago.

The market then drifted steadily back and ended the day virtually unchanged from overnight levels.

Sterling held up well, closing more than half a cent up on the dollar at $1.4252.

Equities meanwhile had an unexciting session, although they nevertheless remained firm. The FT-SE 100 share index opened down 2.8 points and closed at about the same level, down 1.3 at 1,634.6. The FT 30 share index closed 1.1 lower at 1,285.5.



After **British Gas**, which slipped ¾p to 61¼p amid a volume of 198 million shares, **Grand Metropolitan**, the hotels and brewing group was one of the most heavily traded stocks, after our story yesterday that a consortium bid was in the pipeline.

More than 9 million shares changed hands in the market, pushing the price 11p higher to 459p. There were also reports that a block of 20 million shares changed hands outside the stock market.

Most other leaders drifted a few pennies easier, with the exception of **Thorn EMI** which improved 5p to 484p after unveiling its interim results yesterday and a rise in profits from £11.4 million to £41.5 million.

ICI slipped 5p to 1114p, **Cadbury Schweppes** 1.5p to 183.5p, **Cable & Wireless** 2p to 322p and **BTR** 2p to 274p.

Royal Insurance, the composite insurance company, firmed 4p to 858p, after being rated as a "buy" by Wood Mackenzie, the broker. Mr Peter Rice, Wood Mackenzie's insurance expert, thinks the stock is extremely cheap.

He says: "Their share performance has been dismal since May while in sharp contrast their last few sets of results have been sensationally good.

At the nine-month stage they reported profits of £193 million, when we were forecasting £163 million, and their third-quarter figures, out last month, showed profits of £106 million, 40 per cent ahead of our forecast of £76 million."

For the present year, which ends at the end of this month, Mr Rice is forecasting £280 million profits and £430 million for 1987.

He also says the yield for the entire insurance sector for the next three years at least will be ahead of the market average. For Royal Insurance he estimates that it will be between 15 per cent and 20 per cent, compared with a market average of about 10 per cent.

He says: "For the past 10 years composites have been very much out of favour because investors are worried about a downturn in premiums. Lots of institutions have been trying to reduce their weightings in the sector and this has depressed the share prices.

"As a result Royal is now selling on a multiple of five times peak earnings, which is too low. It should be on a multiple of about seven."

Earnings per share for Royal Insurance are expected to increase from 96.10p in 1986 to 126.2p in 1987.

Elsewhere in the insurance sector, **General Accident** slipped 6p to 828p, **Guardian Royal** 1p to 783p, **Britannic** 6p to 871p, **Sun Life** 4p to 920p and the **Prudential Corporation** 3p to 826p.

Oils were nervous ahead of today's Opec meeting in Geneva. **Shell**, which had 10 million shares traded in the market, dipped 6p to 944p, **BP** 8p to 675p, **Britoil** 2p to 149p and **Tricentrol** 2p to 56p.

I C Gas fell 15p to 528p because of the referral of the bid from Gulf Resources to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Banks had another good day after the re-rating of the whole sector. **Standard Chartered** climbed 10p to 804p, **National Westminster** 5p to 507p and **Lloyds** 5p to 447p.

Mercury International, the merchant banking group which owns Rowe & Pitman, the Queen's stockbroker, gave up 32p to 371p on the news that corporate raider, Mr Saul Steinberg, had sold his 15 per cent stake.

The share price fell on disappointment that the stake had gone to friendly hands – in the unlikely shape of the Canadian National Railway.

Good results, followed by an institutional presentation at the offices of the company's brokers, de Zoete and Bevan, lifted **McCarthy & Stone**, the sheltered housing group 57p to 299p.

Final figures from **Guinness**, the beleaguered beer and spirits group, boosted its shares 3p to 290p, while **Charter Consolidated** gave up 13p to 293p, despite annnouncing a 61 per cent improvement in profitability.

Crystalate, which manufactures electrical components, was unchanged at 220p, after results in line with the forecast it made at the time of an acquisition last month, and **Stakis**, the hotel chain, eased 3p to 72p.

Confirmation that **Tate & Lyle** has increased its holding in **S & W Berisford**, the commodities and sugar group, failed to impress the market.

Tate & Lyle put out an official announcement that it has increased its holding from 9 per cent to 14.2 per cent. But neither the Tate & Lyle nor the S & W Berisford share prices moved. Tate was unchanged at 578p and Berisford at 286p.

● Expect Stone International, the systems design group, to announce three contracts today worth £3.6 million. The largest is for £2.9 million of air conditioning for Spanish Railways. The others are with British Rail and Cuban Railways. Its shares could be in for a boost.

American share investigation

From Bailey Morris
Washington

The US Government investigation of illegal insider trading has taken an important new turn, focusing on possible "pools of money" or collaboration among wealthy investors to drive up share prices.

Industry sources confirmed yesterday that the Securities and Exchange Commission has reason to believe there may have been serious violations of an SEC statute requiring large investors to disclose within 10 days any investment of more than 5 per cent in a company's shares.

They said that government investigators, acting on reports of secret collaborations among professional traders, were compiling information that could lead to new complaints similar to those filed in March against Canada's wealthy Belzberg family.

SEC officials accused the Belzbergs of failing to disclose a large investment in the shares of Ashland Oil Company, saying the extent of the holdings were concealed because some of the family's shares were held by a Wall Street firm.

The Belzbergs denied the accusations.

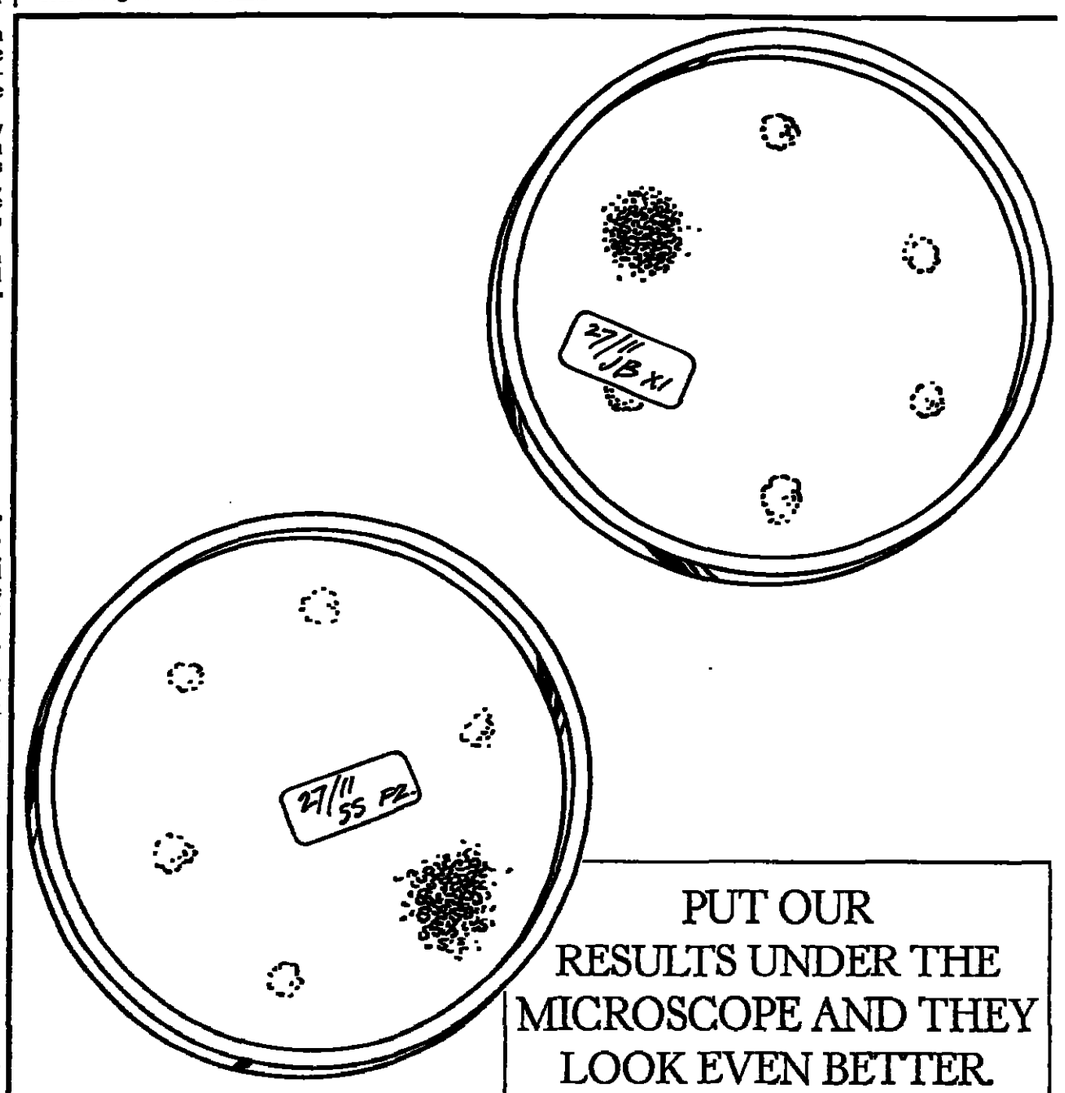
Industry officials said yesterday that the new investigation appears to be focused on reports that a small group of wealthy investors make purchases which concentrate a large number of a company's shares in the hands of a few individuals.

When the information is disclosed, the share prices rise dramatically, creating huge profits when the company is either sold or forced to buy back its own shares.

This practice, on the surface, violates disclosure statutes, not insider trading laws but if a collaboration is found, the charges would be more serious.

The investigation is aimed at the grey area between what is legal and what is illegal in the relationships between arbitrageurs, investment bankers and their wealthy clients, officials said.

As part of the information subpoened in connection with the scandal involving Mr Ivan Boesky, SEC officials are trying to determine whether investors who acquired stakes below the 5 per cent level were working in concert with larger investors who acquired bigger holdings in takeover targets, the industry sources said.



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STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 10	Market rates close December 10	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4240-1.4255	1.4245-1.4255	0.57-0.55prem	1.78-1.75prem
Montreal	1.9600-1.9665	1.9630-1.9658	0.46-0.37prem	1.46-1.31prem
Ams'dam	3.2325-3.2555	3.2336-3.2380	1⅞-1¼prem	4¼-4prem
Brussels	59.55-59.92	59.56-59.67	20-16prem	56-48prem
C'pngen	10.8175-10.8750	10.8191-10.8338	1¼-½prem	3¼-2½prem
Dublin	1.0487-1.0578	1.0504-1.0514	14-21dis	48-70dis
Frankfurt	2.8625-2.8805	2.8625-2.8667	1½-1⅜prem	4½-4¼prem
Lisbon	212.11-213.75	212.11-212.97	85-125dis	210-330dis
Madrid	193.09-194.45	193.09-193.37	15-31dis	25-70dis
Milan	1982.00-1999.50	1982.18-1987.94	par-3dis	1prem-3dis
Oslo	10.7390-10.7770	10.7409-10.7556	7⅞-8¼dis	18¼-19¼dis
Paris	9.3805-9.4440	9.3808-9.3973	1⅝-1¼prem	4⅜-3¾prem
St'khlm	9.8895-9.9345	9.8895-9.9036	1⅛-⅝prem	3⅝-3¼prem
Tokyo	231.63-232.13	231.63-232.01	1⅜-1⅛prem	4-3⅝prem
Vienna	20.15-20.25	20.15-20.18	9¼-7⅝prem	28⅛-22½prem
Zurich	2.3939-2.4100	2.3954-2.3992	1⅝-1½prem	4⅜-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.2 (day's range 68.2-68.5).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.7065-1.7135
Australia dollar	2.1785-2.1818
Bahrain dinar	0.5350-0.5690
Brazil cruzado*	20.3703-20.4859
Cyprus pound	0.7300-0.7400
Finland marka	7.0260-7.0660
Greece drachma	200.40-202.40
Hong Kong dollar	11.0891-11.0985
India rupee	18.55-18.75
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4175-0.4250
Malaysia dollar	3.6888-3.6943
Mexico peso	1245-1295
New Zealand dollar	2.8248-2.8381
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3250-5.3650
Singapore dollar	3.1179-3.1216
South Africa rand	3.1779-3.1944
U A E dirham	5.2140-5.2540

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3540-1.3570
Singapore	2.1900-2.1910
Malaysia	2.5810-2.5830
Australia	0.6530-0.6535
Canada	1.3785-1.3790
Sweden	6.9300-6.9350
Norway	7.5425-7.5475
Denmark	7.5850-7.5900
West Germany	2.0105-2.0115
Switzerland	1.6805-1.6815
Netherlands	2.2725-2.2735
France	6.5870-6.5920
Japan	162.65-162.75
Italy	1393.0-1394.0
Belgium(Comm)	41.72-41.77
Hong Kong	7.7890-7.7900
Portugal	149.60-149.90
Spain	135.50-135.60
Austria	14.13-14.15

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	88.57	88.61	88.57	88.59	211
Mar 87	88.68	88.72	88.67	88.68	1677
Jun 87	89.11	89.13	89.09	89.10	170
Sep 87	89.22	89.23	89.22	89.21	14
Dec 87	89.07	89.09	89.05	89.08	95
Mar 88	NT	—	—	88.86	0

Previous day's total open interest 16163

Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	93.88	93.88	93.86	93.88	1267
Mar 87	94.02	94.03	94.01	94.02	1279
Jun 87	94.01	94.01	94.00	94.01	353
Sep 87	93.87	93.88	93.85	93.87	188

Previous day's total open interest 24835

US Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	100-04	100-05	100-00	100-13	136
Mar 87	99-04	99-12	98-28	99-12	1882
Jun 87	NT	—	—	98-14	0

Previous day's total open interest 3931

Short Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	NT	—	—	96-08	0
Mar 87	96-16	96-17	96-08	96-08	52
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	0

Previous day's total open interest 148

Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	108-17	108-20	108-16	108-06	170
Mar 87	108-29	108-30	108-10	108-12	13662
Jun 87	108-30	108-30	108-30	108-15	79
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0

Previous day's total open interest 21522

FT-SE 100	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	163.60	164.00	163.40	163.70	516
Mar 87	166.30	166.60	166.15	166.50	258

Previous day's total open interest 3411

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 10/12/86 Chloride, Amstrad, Systems Designers, Tesco, London Securities, LeisureTime, Foseco, Green Resources, Gibbs & Dandy, Brake Bros., Marks & Spencer, Abaco, Chrysalis, Woodhouse & Rixson, Elswick, Spong, Tricentrol, British Gas, United Scientific, Egerton, Peek, Sound Diffusion, Bristol Channel, TSB, BCA, GEC, Property & Reversionary, Cluff, C.H. Bailey, Bulgin, Reebrook, Afro-West.

Puts: First Charlotte, Sound Diffusion, Redfearn, H Young.

Puts & Calls: Next, Amstrad, Templeton, LeisureTime.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	138 -7
Avis Europe (250p)	230½ -½
Bilston&Battersea (103p)	141
Brake Bros (125p)	148 -1
British Gas (50p)	61¾ -¼
Daniel S (130p)	156
Fletcher King (175p)	181
Gaynor (94p)	109 +1
Geest (125p)	159 +2
Glentree (18p)	53
Gordon Russell (190p)	205
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	105
Harmony Leisure (23p)	27
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	132
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	166
Mecca Leisure (135p)	153½ -½
Miss Sam Hldgs (105p)	97 -1
Northumbrian Fine (60p)	89 +1
Plum Hldgs (90p)	111 -1
Quarto (115p)	126
Spandex	221 +1
Sumit (135p)	139
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	96 +1
TSB Group (100p)	75¾ -¼
Virgin (140p)	132 -1
Whinney Mackay (160p)	157 +1
Wooltons Better (104p)	83
Ward Group (97p)	104 -1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cook WM F/P	180
Glanfield N/P	26
Lon Assc Inv F/P	20
Norfolk Cap F/P	24½
Petrocan F/P	65
Regalian N/P	2
Throg Sec N/P	2
Waddington F/P	190
Walker (A)lfred	

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 10
Week fixed: 10⅞

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 10 13/16	2 mnth 10 11/16
3 mnth 10 23/32	3 mnth 10 11/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 27/32-10 25/32 2 mnth 10 25/32-10¾
3 mnth 10 23/32-10 11/16 6 mnth 10⅝-10 13/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 15/32 2 mnth 11 13/32
3 mnth 11 11/32 6 mnth 11½

Interbank (%)
Overnight open 11¼ close 11
1 week 11-10 15/16 6 mnth 11½-11 7/16
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16 9 mnth 11½-11 7/16
3 mnth 11 7/16-11⅜ 12 mth 11½-11 7/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ 7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 10 15/16 3 mnth 11¼
6 mnth 11⅜ 12 mth 11 7/16

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10⅞-10¾ 2 mnth 11⅛-11⅛
3 mnth 11½-11¼ 6 mnth 11½-11⅜
9 mnth 11⅝-11½ 12 mth 11⅝-11½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-11 3 mnth 11⅜-11¼
6 mnth 11⅜-11 5/16 12 mth 11⅜-11¼

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.25-6.20 3 mnth 6.10-6.00
6 mnth 6.00-5.95 12 mth 6.05-6.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 5 15/16-5¾ call 6¼-5¾
3 mnth 6 3/16-6 1/16 1 mnth 6⅜-6¼
6 mnth 6⅛-6

Deutschmark
7 days 5⅛-5⅝ call 5½-4½
3 mnth 5 1/16-4 15/16 1 mnth 5⅛-5⅝
6 mnth 4 15/16-4 13/16

French Franc
7 days 9-8½ call 7⅝-6⅝
3 mnth 9⅝-9⅜ 1 mnth 9¼-9
6 mnth 9½-9⅜

Swiss Franc
7 days 1½-1¼ call 1⅜-⅜
3 mnth 4 7/16-4 5/16 1 mnth 4 11/16-4 9/16
6 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16

Yen
7 days 4⅝-4⅜ call 5-4
3 mnth 4 9/16-4 7/16 1 mnth 4¾-4⅝
6 mnth 4 7/16-4 5/16

BULLION

Gold:$390.75-391.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 389.00-392.00 (£273.00-274.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 91.50-92.50 (£64.25-65.00)
Platinum
$ 480.60 (£337.25)
Silver
$ 538.00-540.00 (£377.50-379.00)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 1, 1986 to November 28, 1986 inclusive: 11.248 per cent.

TEMPUS

Patchy progress at Thorn EMI

Thorn EMI's interim results demonstrated that the management is getting to grips with some of the company's thornier problems, but it is still making slow progress on other fronts.

On the plus side Rumbelows' move into selling television sets is driving up margins and improving profits. The rental side also showed substantial growth, and rental and retail operating profits rose by 27.5 per cent to £54 million on turnover 13.5 per cent higher.

On the minus side Inmos is still showing losses, and the market for semi-conductors remains weak. The move from Colorado to Newport, Gwent, has helped eat up £40 million of cash so far this year, and breakeven point will be reached next year rather than by the end of this year.

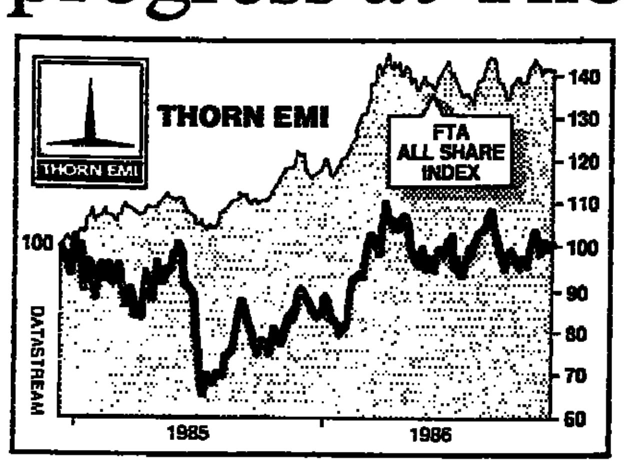
The technology division swung into a profit of £5 million from a loss of £2.5 million, despite the £4 million costs of Thorn Ericsson, the joint venture with LM Ericsson.

Music stayed in loss to the tune of £5.7 million despite a £5 million improvement in Thames Television's contribution. North American losses stubbornly refused to come down. The need for more artists is still the most pressing problem.

However, the £50 million increase in music turnover and growth in the American market share from some major releases in September provided encouragement.

Finally, the consumer and commercial sector had a mixed performance with Ferguson doing better, but unable to make television sets quickly enough to meet demand. Appliances were down, with microwaves hit by Korean dumping. Thorn is responding by taking the product up-market.

In all, the traditionally



weaker interim figures told a tale of solid but not hugely inspiring progress. The shares, up 6p at 485p, are taking a wait-and-see stance. Full year profits of £150 million are in reach, putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 11.9.

The shares are unlikely to outperform in the short term.

McCarthy & Stone

The former glamour stock, McCarthy & Stone is launching a comeback. Its 1985/86 results were well ahead of expectations and sent the price racing ahead from 242p to 299p.

Although sales and profits have increased by 70 per cent and 61 per cent compound since 1981, the group has had to live with often over-optimistic forecasting.

This has led to disappointment with what have been by any other standards an impressive collection of results.

Last year, McCarthy was helped by a buoyant housing market and the economies of scale after the establishment of a regional network.

Gross margins on sheltered housing were maintained. The small amount of slippage at the net level was due to development costs on nursing homes and holiday appartments.

These new ventures open new avenues for the group, but it may be some time before they are significant contributors to profits.

Meanwhile, retirement housing remains the British power house. At least 2,500 units should be completed in 1986/87. Average prices are rising as the group continues its move up-market. Margins should be maintained.

The competition is making little impression. Indeed, many national housebuilders who have flirted with retirement homes are finding it too specialized a market for their liking.

Against this backcloth it is difficult to see McCarthy making much less than £23 million this year.

The shares are selling on a p/e ratio of under 11 times and have been neglected for too long.

Charter Consolidated

Tempus sailed against the wind six months ago when it advised against Charter Consolidated after its final results. The market thought otherwise, believing that the mining and industrial group had finally sorted out its problems, and has since lifted the shares by about 20 per cent.

Perhaps after yesterday's interim results the market will be more cautious about accepting Charter's claims that its problems are all in the past.

The figures threw up some nasty surprises, particularly in Shand, the civil engineering, construction and coal mining subsidiary, and the Portugese wolfram mining.

Although pretax profits were about 61 per cent higher at £17.9 million, operating profits were up only 10 per cent.

The much-needed icing on the cake came from areas which did not involve digging, tunnelling and manufacturing, principally the stake in Johnson Matthey and some smart share dealing by Charter's portfolio department.

Further rationalization is on the way at Shand, particularly in the construction division. The first-half figures included further substantial losses on the Omani dam.

Shand also lost £1.04 million on its British open-cast coal operations, although it has claims worth more than £10 million pending against British Coal.

The wolfram mine, which lost £1.49 million, faces more lay-offs and rationalizations with the world price at rock-bottom in real terms. However, there were more pleasant surprises, such as Pandrol, the rail track equipment company.

Growth opportunities, particularly in the long-term, appear limited. The balance sheet looks strong.

The shares, down 12p at 294p, are starting to have an expensive look, although sharp losses will no doubt be limited by a prospective yield of more than 6 per cent.

US merger called off by Wickes

Santa Monica, California (Reuter) — Wickes Inc has called off its agreement to acquire Lear Siegler Inc and is ending its tender offer for Lear shares.

The company said the termination was by mutual consent and without liability to either party. Originally, Lear had agreed to pay Wickes a $30 million (£21 million) cancellation fee if the merger failed. Wickes said it has made an agreement with Lear not to buy any shares in that company for two years without Lear's consent.

Wickes said last month that it had met difficulty in obtaining financing.

Lear had said the alternatives included accepting the offer of AFG Partners, a venture of AFG Industries Inc (AFG) and Wagner and Brown, to acquire the company for at least $85 per share, or a recapitalization or a leveraged buyout.

Wickes had agreed to pay $93 per common share and $232.50 per preferred share.

Wickes announced it had raised its ownership in Collins and Aikman Corp (CK) to about 92 per cent as a result of its tender offer which has expired

Wickes said it received about 20 million Collins and Aikman shares in response to the $53 per share offer and had already owned 697,067 shares.

The company said a merger of Collins and Aikman into Wickes for the same price is expected to take place early next year.

Bell Group considers acquisition

Reuter (Perth) — Bell Group must make a large acquisition to restore the balance of equity-to-operating base, the chairman Mr Robert Holmes à Court said.

Bell Group has raised Aus$1.8 billion (£818 million) in equity and deferred equity in the past 12 months, he told Bell's annual meeting.

He said:"The result of this equity expansion is that we are currently out of balance. Our equity base, the size of the company, has grown faster than our operating base.

Bell was expanding and investing in its existing operations but needed something more, he added.

"To get the company in balance, the size of our company and the size of our operations, it is going to be necessary to make a very major acquisition sooner or later," Mr Holmes à Court said.

"No particular plans exist at this time. But it would be wrong to say that we do not have many alternatives under active consideration, he said.

On Bell's 29 per cent stake in Broken Hill Proprietary, Mr Holmes à Court said Bell backed the operation of agreements between the two companies, which allowed what he called "the corporate warfare" of his takeover bid to end.

He said Bell had underwritten the placement, of Equiticorp Tasman's 5 per cent BHP shareholding at Aus$9 a share.

"I would like to stress that this underwriting agreement by itself must not be seen as a prelude to a full takeover bid for BHP," he added.

He said his group was watching with interest the effect of new Australian media regulations on its existing and future investments, adding that it had been negotiating the purchase of Herald and Weekly Times Ltd HWT assets the day before News Corp unveiled its planned bid.

Mr Holmes à Court said he did not know what Bell would gain from the HWT takeover,

Tokyo curb on SE places for foreigners

Foreign securities firms are not likely to be able to gain additional seats on the Tokyo Stock Exchange next year, despite efforts by British and American firms to do so, according to Mr Nick Jefcoat, director of international capital markets at Kleinwort Benson.

But, in response to a question at a seminar on Japanese investment trends, Mr Jefcoat added: "We are hoping and expecting an offer to apply within the next 12 to 18 months."

Last year, six foreign firms became the first non-Japanese members of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Membership was granted partly under pressure from British and American authorities who have been offering expanded powers to Japanese firms operating in their own countries.

Mr Jefcoat said that Japanese authorities, in explaining why so few foreign firms have obtained seats, say that seats exist in limited quantities

Brierley in $75m issue of Eurobonds

Brierley Investments Overseas is issuing $75 million of 7¼ per cent Eurobonds due on January 6, 1992, priced at 100¼ and convertible during the first three years of its life into a non-callable, five-year floating rate note, the lead manager, Morgan Stanley International, said.

The issue is guaranteed by Brierley Investments, with a 1¼ per cent selling concession and a ⅝ per cent combined management and underwriting fee.

The floating rate note into which it is convertible would pay 20 basis points above three month London interbank offered rate. The issue is for payment on January 6.

Without the new stock, the offer would dillute First Interstate stock dramatically by swapping 0.23 shares of First Interstate stock for each share of BankAmerica (up from 0.22 shares in the previous proposal), adding about 35.7 million shares, analysts said.

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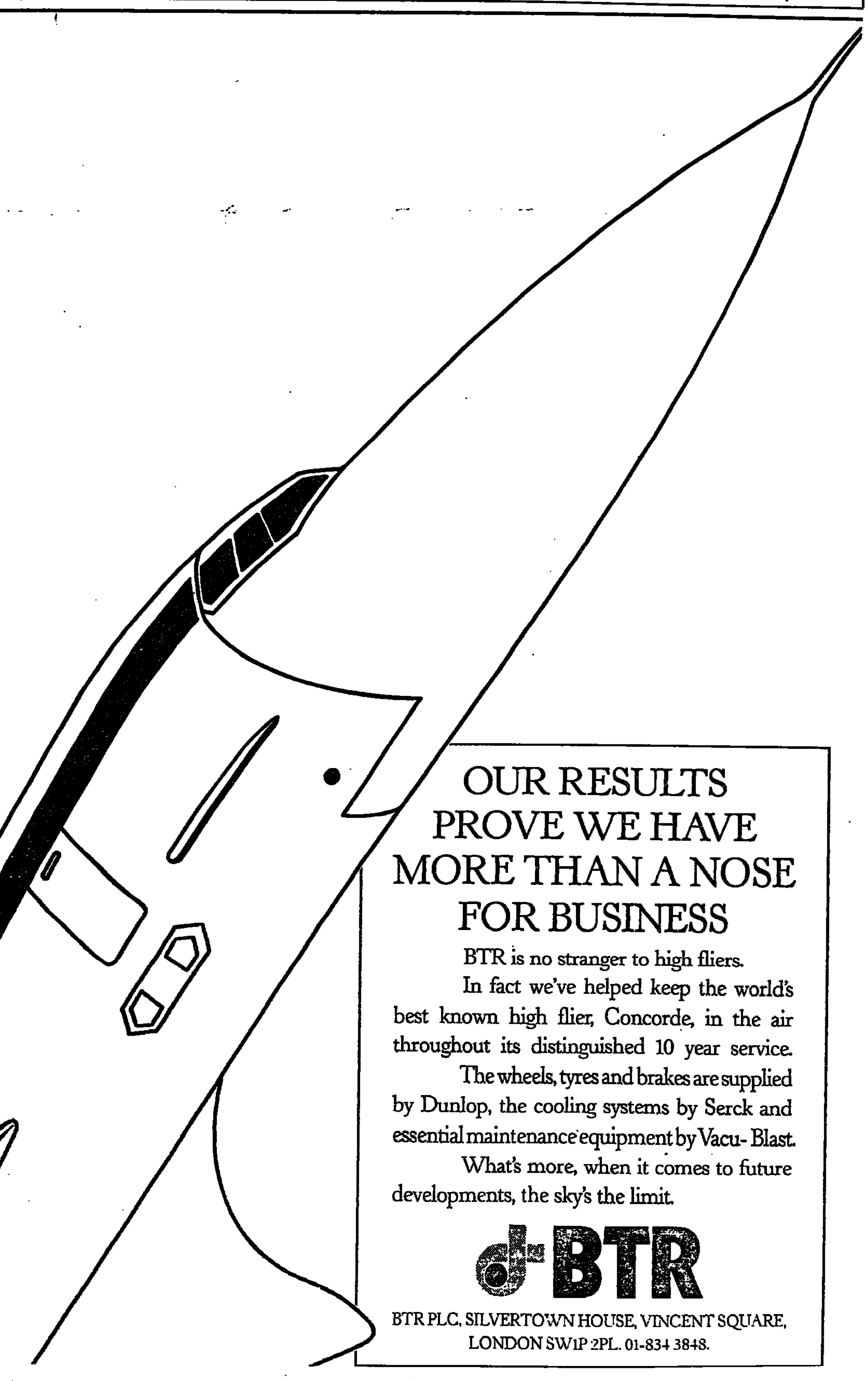
Half Yearly Results - Highlights

- Profit before tax: £17.9 million - up 61%
- Profit attributable: £12.8 million - up 67%
- Earnings per share: 12.2p - up from 7.3p
- Interim dividend: 4.0p - up from 3.75p

Charter's half yearly report 30 September 1986 will be posted to registered shareholders on or about 12 December 1986 and copies will be available from that date on application to the Company's registered office, 40 Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1P 1AJ.



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APPOINTMENTS

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation: **Mr William Purves** becomes chairman. **Mr Frank Frame** becomes deputy chairman. **Mr John Gray** joins the board as executive director of finance and is made chairman of Wardley Holdings.

John Pearce Holdings: **Mr Brian Gordon** becomes director of development.

Express Foods Group: **Mr Michael Hodgkinson** is appointed managing director, **Mr Christopher Chamberlain** commercial director, **Mr James Murphy** director of trade relations and **Mr Richard Etches** personnel and administration director.

Lookers: **Mr Ray Horrocks** is made a non-executive director.

Elders Securities UK: **Mrs Vi John** will become associate director of operations from January 1.

Seton Healthcare: **Mr Dieno George** becomes divisional director of hospital products, **Mr Michael Rabbitt** divisional director of consumer products, **Mr Konrad Ostmeier** regional director, Europe and **Mr Rodney Houghton-Bailey**, regional director, Middle East.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Prudential in challenge to the merchant banks

By Judith Huntley

Prudential Portfolio Managers, part of the Prudential Corporation, is restructuring its property investment operation with the aim of selling its property fund management services to clients outside the Prudential group.

This means that it will rival the merchant banks in the services it will offer.

The Prudential is Britain's biggest investor in commercial property with a portfolio worth £2.7 billion. The estate division of PPM, the Prudential's investment management arm, is being reorganized into three sectors – fund management, investment and property management.

Mr Michael Mallinson, the insurance company's property director and chief surveyor, will continue to head the operation. The objective of the new structure is to create a strong link between managing funds and the properties which make up the portfolios in those funds. It is these services which the Prudential hopes to sell outside.

Mr Mallinson commented: "As with other areas of the financial sector, the property world is undergoing a period of unprecedented change. By effectively managing these changes, Prudential Portfolio Managers believes it will be able to maximize on the investment opportunities which commercial property presents."

The Prudential is still searching for a director of fund management, and the headhunters are out in force. In addition, the estate division is looking for at least seven property analysts to establish an in-house research team to complement those working on economics and equities.

Mr Mallinson is in overall charge of the restructured property operation, but the directors of the new sectors will have a considerable degree of autonomy.

Mr Mallinson said: "We must make way for the younger generation and they must be allowed to get it right.

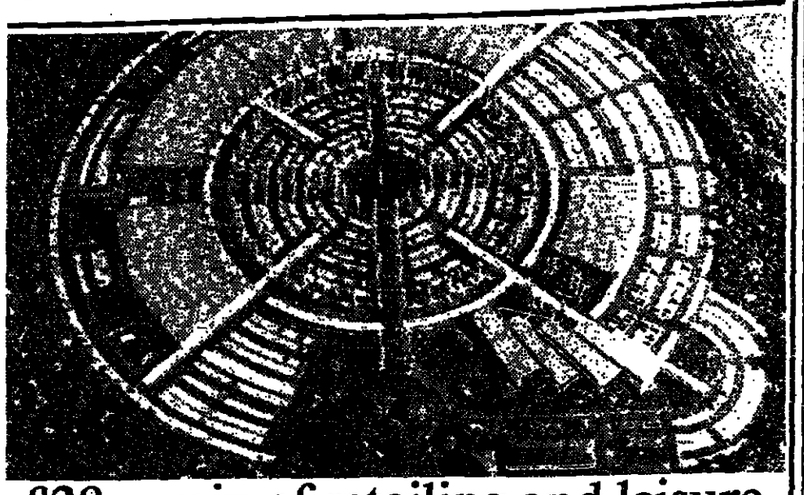
"The estates department has been more like a service department, but in future it will be a profit centre in its own right. We have our eyes on one or two portfilios that we would like to manage, and we are in talks over one of them.

"We intend raising our profile rapidly in 1987. And all areas of our work will be reassessed to see if they are profitable."

The restructuring at the Prudential is a sign of the times in the property market. The same is true of Abaco's acquisition – announced this week –of Hampton & Sons, the estate agent.

Hampton was aware that it had to maintain and improve its market position. Several options were explored in its desire to move away from a partnership structure in a market which increasingly demands more capital investment and expansion.

Mr Hamilton Verschoyle, senior partner at Hampton, said that he had considered selling part of the firm to outside interests, an arrangement which had existed with Greyhound, the United States company which formerly had a stake in Hampton.



£20m mix of retailing and leisure

ARC Properties, a subsidiary of ARC, the building products and construction group, plans a £20 million retail warehouse and leisure park on a 70-acre site at Maidstone, Kent. A model of the proposed development, to be known as Compass Park, is shown above. The scheme will have 300,000 sq ft of retailing with an hotel, multi-screen cinema and restaurant making up the 100,000 sq ft leisure element. The site adjoins ARC Properties' industrial park on Junction 5 of the M25. A planning appeal is likely to be heard in February. The company's property development now totals £200 million.

Agreed bid for Imry

Arbuthnot Properties, the private company set up by Mr Martin Myers, a former partner of Jones Lang Wootton, is the agreed bidder for Imry Property Holdings. This, in spite of denials from Mr Myers only two weeks ago when he said he was too busy with "the big one" to be considering such a move. He was referring to Arbuthnot's plan to redevelop the St George's Hospital site at Hyde Park Corner, London.

Details of the agreed bid will be announced shortly. It is likely that a new company will be formed into which the interests of Arbuthnot and Imry will be injected.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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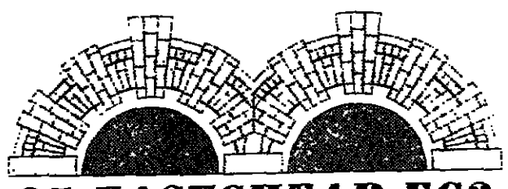

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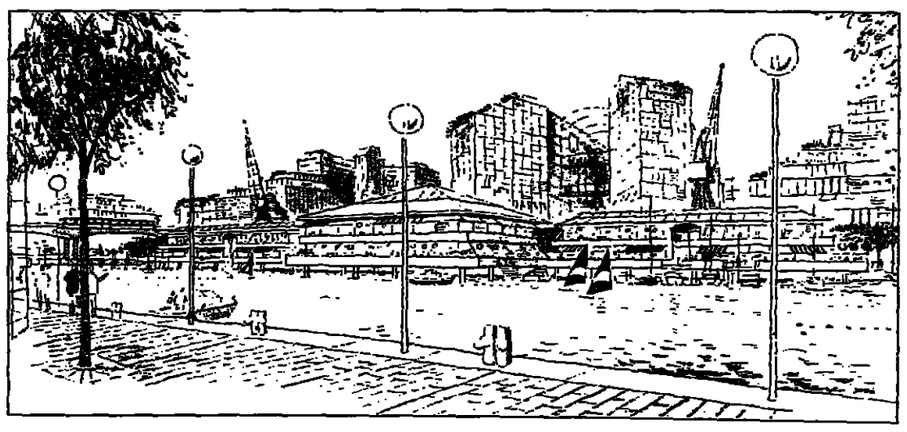

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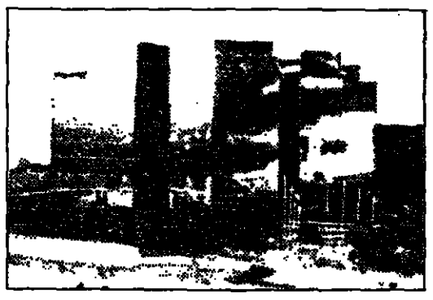

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36	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
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39	Brown & Tawse	Industrials A-D	
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103	95½	Exch 13¼% 1987	100¼	..	13.2	11.104
100⅝	93⅞	Treas 10½% 1987	99¾	..	10.3	11.137
98⅛	92¼	Exch 2½% 1987	98¼	..	2.5	8.868
99¾	95¼	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅞	..	10.5	11.248
98⅞	93⅞	Fund 6½% 1985-87	98½	-⅛	6.6	10.281
101⅛	95¼	Treas 10% 1987	98¾	..	10.1	11.348
97⅛	90⅝	Treas 3% 1987	96⅜	+⅛	3.1	8.620
104½	94¼	Treas 12% 1987	100½	..	11.9	11.330
99⅜	82¼	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	97	..	8.0	10.628
104⅛	97⅞	Exch 10½% 1988	99	..	10.6	11.259
102⅛	93⅞	Treas C9½% 1988	97⅛	..	10.0	11.292
94⅛	89⅞	Treas 3% 1978-88	92⅝	..	3.2	8.268
102⅝	92⅝	Treas 9½% 1988	96⅜	..	9.8	11.294
107⅛	93⅞	Treas 11½% 1989	100	..	11.5	11.380
105⅝	93⅞	Treas 10½% 1989	98⅛	..	10.7	11.393
104⅛	93	Exch 10% 1989	96⅞	..	10.3	11.392
111⅛	94⅞	Exch 10½% 1989	100⅜	..	10.2	8.985
107⅛	99⅞	Exch 11% 1989	99¼	..	11.1	11.283
93⅝	84½	Treas 5% 1986-89	89	-⅛	5.6	8.428
103⅛	92⅛	Treas C9½% 1989	96⅛	..	9.9	11.311
92	82⅞	Treas 3% 1989	88¼	-⅛	3.4	8.347
114⅛	97⅞	Treas 13% 1990	104⅛	..	12.5	11.307
86⅛	76⅞	Exch 2½% 1990	80⅝	..	3.1	8.314
106⅛	94⅞	Exch 11% 1990	99⅞	..	11.1	11.308
113⅛	100	Exch 12½% 1990	103⅞	..	12.1	11.318
89⅛	79⅛	Treas 3% 1990	84	..	3.6	8.459
100⅛	88⅞	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	93	+⅛	8.9	10.858
106⅛	92⅞	Treas 10% 1990	95⅞	..	10.4	11.321
86⅛	76⅛	Exch 2½% 1990	80⅝	..	3.1	11.295
99⅝	95⅝	Treas C10% 1991	96⅛	..	10.4	9.503
112⅛	95⅛	Treas 11¾% 1991	101½	..	11.5	11.025
94⅛	84⅛	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	86⅝	..	6.6	11.217
110⅝	97⅛	Exch 11% 1991	99⅛	..	11.1	8.554
85⅛	78⅛	Treas 3% 1991	79⅝	-⅛	3.8	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
118⅛	103	Treas 12¾% 1992	105⅝	..	12.1	11.328
107⅛	91⅛	Treas 10% 1992	95	..	10.5	11.282
109⅛	92⅛	Treas C10½% 1992	97	..	10.8	11.245
117½	100⅝	Exch 12¼% 1992	103⅝	+⅛	11.8	11.396
123⅛	102⅛	Exch 13½% 1992	108½	..	12.4	11.447
108	92⅛	Treas 10% 1993	94½	+⅛	10.6	11.281
121⅛	98⅛	Treas 12½% 1993	105⅛	+⅛	11.8	11.332
91⅛	79⅛	Fund 6% 1993	82⅝	-⅛	7.3	9.615
128	105⅛	Treas 13¾% 1993	111⅛	+⅛	12.4	11.369
133⅛	104⅛	Treas 14½% 1994	115⅝	+⅛	12.6	11.328
122⅛	97⅛	Exch 12½% 1994	105⅛	..	11.9	11.435
127⅛	109⅝	Exch 13½% 1994	110	..	12.3	11.422
103⅛	88⅛	Treas 9% 1994	89	+⅛	10.1	11.114
120	100⅛	Treas 12% 1995	103⅛	+⅛	11.6	11.408
78⅛	71⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	73⅛	+⅛	4.1	7.208
110⅝	91⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	94⅛	+⅛	10.9	11.295
126	102⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	107⅛	+⅛	11.8	11.322
133⅛	111½	Treas 14% 1996	114	+⅛	12.3	11.482
109⅛	86⅛	Treas 9% 1992-96	88⅝	+⅛	10.2	11.014
142⅛	114	Treas 15¼% 1996	121½	+⅛	12.5	11.482
130½	104⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	110⅛	+⅛	11.9	11.347
84⅛	74½	Rdmpt 3% 1986-96	78⅛	+1⅛	3.8	..
106⅛	88⅝	Conv 10% 1996	92½	+⅛	10.8	11.261
131	109⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	111	+⅛	11.9	11.357
112⅝	93	Exch 10½% 1997	95⅛	+⅛	11.0	11.261
101⅛	79⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	86	+⅛	10.2	11.012
142⅛	118⅛	Exch 15% 1997	121⅛	+⅛	12.4	11.536
88½	71	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	74⅛	+⅛	9.0	10.686
107⅛	88½	Exch 9¾% 1998	90⅛	+⅛	10.7	11.185
148⅝	122⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	126	+½	12.3	11.476
124⅛	101⅛	Exch 12% 1998	104⅛	+⅛	11.5	11.285
107⅛	85⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	90⅛	+⅛	10.5	10.970
126½	103⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	106½	+⅛	11.5	11.262
114	93⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	96⅛	+⅛	10.9	11.076
112⅛	91	Conv 10¼% 1999	94⅛	+⅛	10.9	11.067
133½	105⅛	Treas 13% 2000	112	+⅛	11.8	11.242
98	84⅛	Conv 9% 2000	87	+⅛	..	10.888
111⅛	90⅛	Treas 10% 2001	93⅛	+⅛	10.7	10.913
109⅛	89	Conv 9¾% 2001	92⅛	+1⅛	10.5	10.894
137½	110⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅛	+⅛	12.0	11.444
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
111⅛	90⅛	Conv 10% 2002	93½	..	10.7	10.895
124⅛	102	Exch 12% 1999-02	104⅛	+⅛	11.5	11.279
109⅛	89⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	91⅛	..	10.6	10.873
112⅛	91⅛	Treas 10% 2003	93⅛	..	10.7	10.829
139⅛	114⅛	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	116⅛	..	11.8	11.322
123⅛	100⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	103⅛	..	11.1	11.044
112⅛	91⅛	Treas 10% 2004	93⅛	+⅛	10.7	10.807
60⅛	47⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	49⅛	+⅛	7.0	9.408
108⅛	87½	Conv 9½% 2004	90	..	10.5	10.761
108⅛	87⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	90	..	10.5	10.750
117⅛	94⅛	Exch 10½% 2005	98⅛	+⅛	10.7	10.738
134⅛	108⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	112⅛	..	11.1	10.906
95½	76⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	78⅛	+⅛	10.1	10.571
107⅛	88⅛	Conv 9¾% 2006	92⅛	..	10.6	10.696
127⅛	103⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	106⅛	..	11.1	10.924
94⅛	80⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	82⅛	+⅛	10.2	10.563
143⅛	113⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	120⅛	+⅛	11.2	10.908
95½	76	Treas 8% 2009	78⅛	+⅛	10.2	10.484
72⅛	55⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	57⅛	+⅛	9.5	10.161
93⅛	74½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	75	-⅛	10.2	10.357
136	109⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	112½	+⅛	10.7	10.589
UNDATED						
46⅛	37⅛	Consols 4%	39	+½	10.2	..
42	32⅛	War Ln 3½%	34⅛	+⅛	10.2	..
52⅛	44½	Conv 3½%	46⅛	+⅛	7.5	..
34⅛	28⅛	Treas 3%	29	+⅛	10.3	..
29⅛	22⅛	Consols 2½%	24⅛	+1⅛	10.3	..
29⅛	23⅛	Treas 2½%	24	+⅛	10.4	..
INDEX-LINKED						
125	103¼	Treas IL 2% 1988	124¼	..	2.1	1.855
108⅛	96½	Treas IL 2% 1990	107¼	-⅛	2.2	2.774
122	108⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	116⅛	+⅛	2.5	3.923
107⅛	95⅛	Treas IL2½% 2001	100⅛	+⅛	3.1	3.9383
107⅛	93⅛	Treas IL2½% 2003	99	+⅛	3.1	3.879
110⅛	96⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	101⅛	+⅛	2.7	3.775
106⅛	92⅛	Treas IL2½% 2009	97⅛	+⅛	3.2	3.691
111⅛	97	Treas IL2½% 2011	102⅛	+⅛	3.2	3.612
94⅛	79⅛	Treas IL2½% 2013	88	+⅛	3.2	3.560
102⅛	87⅛	Treas IL2½% 2016	93⅛	+⅛	3.2	3.501
99⅛	90⅛	Treas IL2½% 2016 A	93⅛	+⅛	2.7	3.502
104	86½	Treas IL2½% 2020	91½	+⅛	3.2	3.450

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	191	Nat Aust Bk	238	242	-3	..	..	..
597	426	Nat West	508	515	+10	27.6	5.4	5.3
126	80	Ottoman	126	-	+2	600	4.8	9.9
394	258	Provident	288	292	..	18.6b	6.4	10.2
86	63	Rea Bros	78	83	..	..	..	..
135	116	Rothschild (J) Hld	128	129	..	7.1	5.5	13.4
429	260	Royl Bnk Of Scot	284	286	●+3	15.4	5.4	8.5
825	581	Schroders	700	715	-2	15.4	2.2	13.6
894	419	Stand Chart	803	807	+11	46.4	5.8	9.9
818	613	Union	665	685	+2	52.9	8.0	68.5
79⅛	43⅛	Wells Fargo	73⅛	-	-⅛	..	..	..
373	270	Wintrust	300	310	..	7.7	2.5	15.0

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
363	283	Allied-Lyons	305	307	● ..	14.5	4.7	14.0
840	625	Bass	725	728	+2	24.3	3.3	12.9
87	41	Belhaven	72	73	-1½	1.2	1.7	30.1
145	87	Boddingtons	129	130	-½	4.6	3.7	16.3
606	375	Brown (Matthew)	600	607	+2	20.0b	3.3	22.1
157	77	Buckleys	154	156	●+2	4.3	2.8	36.9
182	144	Bulmer (H P)	147	150	..	7.6	5.1	15.3
760	410	Burtonwood Brew	695	703	●-1	15.4	2.2	23.3
515	405	Clark (Matthew)	434	443	-2	11.4	2.6	15.1
236	128	Devenish (J A)	195	199	-5	3.8	2.0	17.7
204	165	Greenall Whitley	179	180	+½	7.9	4.4	19.0
280	183	Greene King	260	265	..	8.0	3.0	15.0
355	275	Guinness	287	289	+1	10.3	3.6	10.9
648	485	Hardys & Hansons	643	650	-1	25.0	3.9	18.7
91	68	Highland Dist	68	70	● ..	3.1	4.5	13.3
147	141	Invergordon Dist	142	144	● ..	6.8	4.8	9.1
288	160	Irish Dist	198	203	+12	8.0	3.8	..
114	77	Marston Thompson	109	111	..	3.2	2.9	15.7
465	217	Morland	350	360	●-3	10.0	2.8	16.5
288	131	SA Breweries	228	230	●-4	..	..	..
234	163	Scot & New	207	209	-1	10.0	4.8	12.8
540	353	Vaux	472	480	-2	17.8	3.8	16.3
316	223	Whitbread 'A'	253	256	●-1	11.5	4.5	11.8
318	228	Do 'B'	275	278	●-1	11.5	4.2	12.8
751	188	Whitbread Inv	225	232	●+1	11.0	4.8	20.7
560	410	Wolverhampton & D	550	560	..	13.9	2.5	15.7
330	195	Young 'A'	290	300	..	11.4	3.9	20.3

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
298	124	Abbey	195	200	+2	..	..	..
268	191	Aberdeen Constr	227	232	..	11.8	5.0	21.3
297	240	Amec	265	267	●-1	16.4	6.2	14.4
76	52	Anchalls	70	74	..	0.1e	0.1	11.1
223	144	Atwoods	220	222	-1	7.1	3.2	18.9
560	328	BPB Industries	520	524	●-3	14.3	2.7	15.4
445	284	Baggeridge Brick	440	450	+5	10.2	2.3	18.1
166	126	Barratt Devs	152	156	-2	11.6	7.5	16.1
40	21	Bailey (Ben) Constr	30	33	●-2	0.4	1.3	6.4
192	140	Bellway	155	157	●-1	10.7	6.9	8.3
242	134	Berkeley Gp	213	218	+1	5.2	2.4	23.8
75	62	Bett Bros	64	67	+1	4.4	6.7	18.6
10⅛	875	Blockleys	950	980	..	38.6	4.0	13.5
728	526	Blue Circle	645	647	-2	30.0	4.6	9.2
275	233	Breedon&Cloud Hill	220	245	● ..	14.8	6.3	22.1
91	69	Br Dredging	76	78	●+1	4.3	5.6	14.1
27	16½	Brown & Jackson	18½	18	-½	..	..	44.9
80	37	Brownlee	68	70	-1	3.8	5.5	25.0
152½	85	Bryant	148	149	-½	5.3	3.6	14.9
25	7	Burnett & Hallam	11	12	-1	..	..	1.3
138	85	Cement-Roadstone	137	139	..	4.0	2.9	..
158	70	Condor Grp	152	157	..	3.6	2.3	22.4
590	403	Costain	482	486	..	25.0	5.2	9.0
486	296	Countryside	447	450	+1	8.5	1.9	12.1
225	124	Crouch (Derek)	210	213	●+1	7.9	3.7	15.4
124	84	Dew (George)	113	118	..	8.6	7.4	16.3
137	72	Douglas (RM)	128	130	+1	3.2b	2.5	25.9
111	78	Erith	106	110	..	5.0	4.6	20.1
103	75	Feb	98	103	● ..	2.5	2.5	13.7

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	104.1	110.1●	+0.1	10.90
High Inc Equity	95.3	101.3	+0.4	5.18
Worldwide Bond	201.9	214.7●	..	4.52
American Growth	158.3	168.4	-1.8	0.84
Asian Pacific	60.9	64.7●	+0.2	1.75
Assets & Earns	106.6	113.3●	+0.5	2.52
Capital Reserve	65.4	65.6	..	1.53
Comm & Energy	95.4	101.4	+0.3	1.12
European Capital	102.7	109.2	-0.8	1.16
General	136.1	144.7	+0.8	2.94
Japan	79.8	84.8	-0.5	..
UK Growth Inc	103.5	110.0	+0.6	1.43
Do Accum	149.8	159.1	+0.9	0.93
US Emerging Co's	55.8	59.3●	-0.5	0.06
Equitas Progress	203.9	216.9●	+0.9	3.32
MasterfulAcc	68.0	72.3	-0.2	2.27
American Inc	48.1	51.1	-0.2	5.14
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	224.0	237.4	+2.6	3.37
Growth & Income	131.9	139.8	+1.5	3.24
Capital Trust	220.7	233.9	+2.9	2.85
Balanced	352.1	373.2●	+3.8	3.55
Accum Trust	544.7	577.4●	+6.3	3.29
American Income	34.4	36.6	..	4.87
High Income Tst	251.4	266.5	+2.8	4.87
Equity Income	142.6	151.2	+1.2	5.06
High Yield	145.0	153.7●	+1.1	5.60
Govt Secs Trust	26.7	27.7	-0.2	10.40
International	94.7	100.8	..	0.80
Japan Fund	124.6	132.7c	+0.4	0.01
Pacific Trust	204.6	217.9c	+1.2	0.82
Amer Spcl Sits	70.3	74.9	..	1.21
Secs Of Amer Tst	216.0	230.0●	-1.0	0.88
Aid Assts Value	227.7	241.4●	+1.7	3.52
Conv & Gilt Trust	33.3	35.0	+0.3	3.35
Smaller Co's	127.8	135.5	+0.7	3.08
2nd Smaller Co's	161.8	171.5	+1.6	2.34
Recovery Trust	81.9	86.8●	+0.7	2.15
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	88.4	92.4●	+0.7	1.81
Do Accum	88.9	71.5●	+0.9	1.81
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	153.3	163.9	+0.9	0.74
Do 6% Withdrawal	80.1	85.8	+0.4	0.74
Finance & Property	70.9	75.7	+0.4	3.71
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	47.7	50.2●	+0.1	8.14
Do Accum	80.8	85.5●	+0.1	8.14
Equity Income	77.3	82.6	+0.9	4.63
Do Accum	183.2	195.9	+2.3	4.63
High Yield Income	78.0	81.2●	+0.8	8.77
Do Accum	203.7	220.0●	+1.5	8.77
Intl Income	86.1	92.0	+0.1	1.98
Do Accum	88.4	94.5	+0.1	1.98
Do 5% Wthdrwl	79.9	85.4●	+0.1	1.98
Managed Fund	65.8	69.1	..	..
Preference Income	28.1	30.0	-0.1	10.34
Do Accum	92.0	98.3	-1.8	10.34
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	67.0	71.6●	+0.1	2.21
Portfolio Tst UK	76.9	78.7	+0.5	1.43
Portfolio Tst Japan	100.9	104.2	-0.1	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	75.8	78.5	-0.4	1.60
Portfolio Tst Europe	127.3	131.9	-0.6	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	53.3	55.2	+1.2	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	492.4	514.8	..	0.63
Japan Ex (43)	420.7	438.8	..	0.21
UK Ex (31)	235.7	250.8●	..	1.34
P'sal Pens Intl	541.8	570.5	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	173.5	184.6	-0.8	0.00
BG Energy	163.7	174.2●	+4.3	1.94
BG Income Grwth	198.9	211.7●	+0.6	5.42
BG Japan	200.0	212.8	+1.3	0.00
BG Technology	152.3	162.1	-4.8	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	47.8	50.9	-0.2	0.67
Australian	23.2	24.7	-0.1	2.13
Japan & General	113.7	121.0	-0.5	0.06
High Income	44.8	47.7●	+0.2	5.89
International Trust	87.6	93.2	-0.1	1.39
Income Gth Tst	48.9	52.1	+0.4	3.53
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.0	21.3	+0.2	10.25
Global Markets	35.0	37.3	-0.1	1.93
Special Situations	42.0	44.7	+0.2	1.34
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	91.0	98.2●	-0.3	1.46
Aust Accum	182.8	193.2●	-0.2	0.90
Do Income	128.7	136.1●	-0.1	0.90
Capital	70.1	74.1	+0.2	3.06
Exempt Trust	421.8	446.3●	+1.8	4.31
Extra Income	74.5	78.8	+0.3	5.58
Financial	232.0	245.4●	+1.0	3.08
500	265.7	282.2	+0.7	3.20
General	138.7	146.7	+0.3	3.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.2	51.7●	..	10.60
Japan & Gen Inc	171.0	180.9	..	0.00
Do Acc	173.0	183.0	..	0.00
Growth Accum	179.7	190.1	+0.1	2.27
Income Trust	338.4	358.0	+0.5	3.96
Leisure Trust	79.9	84.5	+0.1	1.55
Special Situations	142.7	151.0	-0.1	2.40
Recovery	196.4	207.8●	+0.3	2.93
Trustee Fund	105.2	111.3c	+0.2	3.05
Unv Tech Accum	56.2	59.4	-0.2	0.05
Do Income	55.7	58.9	-0.1	0.05
Worldwide Trust	155.2	164.2	-0.6	1.13
"B" Tst Inv Fund Acc	333.2	352.4●	+1.1	3.44
Do Inc	212.6	224.9●	+0.7	3.44
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 01-658 9002				
Australia	80.1	85.6	+0.1	0.30
Eastern	72.7	78.8	-0.6	0.30
Equity Income	58.0	61.7●	+0.3	5.60
Europe	137.5	148.2●	-0.7	1.00
Growth & Inc	62.4	67.4	-0.3	3.00
Japan Special	110.5	118.1	-1.1	0.30
Japan Sunrise	94.3	100.8	-0.4	0.30
First Europe	120.7	128.3	-0.7	0.60
First Japan	91.3	97.6	-0.5	1.10
First N Amer	52.8	56.1	-0.2	1.10
First Smaller Co's	66.7	70.9	..	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 10, Fenchurch St. London EC3 01-623 6000				
Amer Smir Co Inc	65.5	69.1	-0.2	1.72
Do Accum	67.0	70.7	-0.1	1.72
European Inc	103.1	108.8c	-0.8	1.21
Do Accum	127.2	134.2	-0.9	1.21
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	22.5	23.7	+0.4	2.16
Do Accum	28.7	30.3	+0.4	2.16
General Inc	164.4	173.4	+0.9	2.96
Do Accum	224.0	236.3	+1.3	2.96
Gilt Yield Inc	104.0	107.2●	+0.3	10.79
Do Accum	171.3	176.5	+0.4	10.79
High Yield Inc	92.6	97.7c	+0.3	5.29
Do Accum	189.4	199.7	+0.6	5.29
Intl Rec Inc	106.4	112.3●	+0.6	1.89
Do Accum	112.5	118.7●	+0.6	1.89
Japan Inc	242.1	255.4	-0.6	0.33
Do Accum	243.8	257.3	-0.6	0.33
Japanese Spec Inc	108.6	114.6	+0.2	0.36
Do Accum	109.2	115.2	+0.2	0.36
N American Inc	51.5	54.3●	-0.1	0.74
Do Accum	60.0	63.3c	-0.1	0.74
Pacific Inc	141.9	149.7	+1.7	0.59
Do Accum	160.0	168.8	+1.9	0.59
Planned Investment	134.5	142.4	..	3.93
Smaller Co's Inc	85.2	89.9●	+1.4	1.41
Do Accum	101.7	107.3	+1.7	1.41
UK Equity Gth Inc	27.2	28.7	+0.1	1.11
Do Accum	45.0	47.5	+0.4	1.11
Worldwide Tech Inc	39.9	42.1	+0.1	2.25
Do Accum	40.2	42.4	+0.1	2.25
KB Smaller Co's Inc	159.0	167.7	..	2.18
Do Accum	207.9	219.0	..	2.18
KB High Yield Inc	130.9	138.1●	+0.5	5.59
Do Accum	221.0	233.2	+0.9	5.59
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	128.5	137.8	+1.8	2.57
Smaller Co's Acc	234.6	251.0	-2.2	..
Do Income	149.8	160.3	-1.4	0.99
High Income	67.1	71.8	-0.2	5.70
Income	76.5	81.8	+0.1	4.71
Man Portfolio Inc	62.8	66.5	+0.3	3.02
Do Acc	105.5	112.3	-3.1	..
North American	57.6	61.6c	..	1.42
Orient	87.3	93.4	-0.1	0.23
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	51.2	54.5	..	3.00
General Inc (4)	221.2	231.1●	..	2.99
Do Accum (4)	356.3	372.2	..	2.99
Income Fund (3)	103.4	108.2	..	5.00
Do Accum (3)	184.8	193.3	..	5.00
Intl Inc (2)	138.5	144.5	+2.7	1.47
Do Accum (2)	184.4	192.1	+3.5	1.47
Smaller Inc (5)	£12.15	12.88	..	2.82
Do Accum (5)	£12.98	13.72	..	2.82
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	86.7	92.2c	+0.2	0.54
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	290.3	307.2	+2.1	2.95
Income	337.0	356.6	+2.2	4.50
Far East	241.9	257.4	+2.3	0.24
North American	158.5	165.6	+0.6	0.55
Global	53.7	56.8	+0.3	0.80
European	57.9	61.3	-0.1	1.22
Japan	61.3	65.3	+0.4	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	365.0	388.3	-2.5	1.82
Income	283.9	302.1	+1.7	4.91
North American	295.5	314.4	-4.3	0.91
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 5314				
Gilt Trust	86.3	92.4●	..	12.35
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	413.55		..	4.62
Fixed Int	131.3		..	10.69
Deposit	100.0		..	10.88
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6822				
S & C Special Sits	55.3	58.4	-1.1	0.64
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	394.68		..	4.94
Accum	£11.187		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.65
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	25.8	27.4	-0.1	1.90
Equity High Income	43.5	46.1●	+0.1	4.50
European Growth	31.8	33.7●	-0.2	2.00
General Equity	38.6	40.9	+0.4	2.60
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	27.0	28.5	+0.1	3.60
Gilt & Fixed Inc	22.6	23.9●	+0.1	9.50
Index Securities	24.5	25.8	-0.1	2.40
Intl Inc Tst	23.9	25.3	..	5.00
Japan Growth	34.8	36.9	-0.1	0.90
Pedigree Gth	24.1	25.6	+0.1	2.50
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	49.0	51.8	-0.2	4.05
Extra Income	168.8	178.5	+0.5	5.24
Financial	170.3	180.3	+0.6	2.30
Gilt Strategy	56.2	58.0●	..	1.98
Growth Investment	284.4	301.0	+2.2	2.55
Income & Growth	41.5	44.2●	+0.1	4.60
Japanese Growth	196.6	208.1	-0.1	0.00
Nth Amer Growth	108.5	115.0●	-0.1	1.41
Intl Recovery	115.8	122.5	-0.4	2.16
Smaller Co's	221.4	234.3	-0.3	1.62
Global Inc Tst	61.4	65.0●	..	5.46
Special Sits Acc	285.4	302.1	+1.1	1.60
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	252.2	268.3	+0.3	4.87
Growth Trust	224.6	238.9	+1.3	3.01
American Trust	132.1	140.5	+0.7	0.71
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
UK Income	48.2	51.5	+0.3	4.72
UK Growth Accum	48.9	52.3	+0.2	2.41
Do Dist	48.9	52.3	+0.2	2.41
European Growth	59.8	63.7	-0.5	1.65
Pacific Growth	56.7	60.6	..	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	73.8	78.6●	-0.3	1.27
Capital Fund	101.7	108.3	+1.0	1.57
Growth & Inc Fund	131.4	139.9	+1.5	4.47
High Dist Fund	110.6	118.0●	+0.6	5.72
International Fund	214.4	228.3	-0.4	0.98
Resources Fund	25.4	27.0	+0.1	0.37
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	35.0	37.2	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fund	168.0	179.9	-0.4	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	150.3	154.4	+3.4	1.94
(Ex) Japan (3)	112.1	115.1●	..	0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	331.6	340.7	..	0.29
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	204.0	209.6	..	0.10
Eurofund	29.3	31.2	-0.2	3.21
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	70.4	74.7●	+0.4	3.17
Do Accum	72.2	76.6●	+0.4	3.09
UK Growth Accum	90.3	95.8	+0.6	2.14
UK High Inc Inc	68.0	72.2●	+0.3	4.84
N American Accum	70.1	74.8	-0.2	0.71
Far Eastern Accum	112.2	119.7	-0.1	0.85
European Accum	92.0	98.1	-0.3	1.17
UK Gilt & FI Inc	49.8	52.6●	+0.1	9.31
Do Accum	52.8	56.0●	+0.2	8.75
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	111.4	118.6	..	3.02
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION 35, Fountain St, Manchester 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	75.2	80.1	+0.4	3.47
High Income Trust	75.8	80.7●	+0.4	5.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.7	51.9	+0.1	9.15
Tst Of Inv Trusts	72.2	76.9	+0.3	1.95
Special Sits Trust	75.5	80.4	+0.1	2.33
Nth Amer Trust	61.5	65.5	-0.4	1.83
Far Eastern Trust	100.3	106.8	-0.1	0.43
Intl Growth	56.5	60.2	-0.3	1.07
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	149.9	159.4	+0.9	3.32
Do Income	128.5	136.6	+0.8	3.32
Higher Inc Accum	252.0	268.0●	+1.2	4.49
Do Income	198.0	211.7●	+0.9	4.49
Gilt/Fixed Accum	93.1	99.0	+0.1	9.28
Do Income	77.1	81.1	+0.1	9.28
Nth Amer Tst Accum	139.8	148.5	-0.3	0.02
Far East Tst Accum	175.8	187.8	-0.1	0.13
Euro Tst Accum	175.5	186.6	+0.4	1.16
General Trust	240.3	255.6	+1.1	3.38
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	73.0	77.7	-0.6	0.22
Capital Fund	114.2	121.5	+0.3	0.24
UK Income Fund	77.3	82.3	+0.7	4.30
Far Eastern Fund	77.4	82.4	+0.1	0.00
Overseas Income	76.0	80.9●	-0.2	3.38
Fixed Interest	53.8	57.1●	..	9.00
Natural Res Fund	49.5	52.7	+0.1	2.03
European Income	88.0	93.7	..	2.70
Franchise Fund	49.8	52.2	..	2.87
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	44.4	47.2	..	1.40
Do Accum	45.3	48.2	..	..
Income Gth Inc	40.6	43.4●	..	5.30
Do Accum	43.7	46.5●	..	..
Service Co's Inc	51.3	54.6●	..	1.00
Do Accum	52.1	55.4●	..	..
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	109.7	117.0●	+0.9	0.71
Amer Equity Income	35.9	38.4	+0.2	4.32
Amer Special Sits	35.9	38.8	-0.2	0.51
Australia	34.2	36.2	+1.0	1.31
European	45.8	48.5	..	0.08
Far East Inc	36.7	38.9●	+1.0	3.88
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.7	28.9	..	9.87
Growth & Income	95.0	101.7●	+0.7	4.73
Japan Special Sits	41.5	44.3	+0.3	..
Japan	147.7	158.0	+0.9	..
Managed Intl	148.0	158.7	+1.8	0.11
Max Income Equity	61.6	67.8●	+0.5	5.13
Professional Gilt	33.0	35.3	+0.2	2.35
South East Asia	42.4	45.2	+0.6	0.22
Special Sits	172.8	185.9	+1.2	0.54
FLEMING (ROBERT) 8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN 01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£376.4	382.7	+8.04	1.40
Japan Exempt	£480.7	479.2	+15.63	0.68
Am Property Tst	$10000.0		..	5.00
Property Trust	£5623.0		..	5.60
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ 01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Inc	221.8	234.4	-2.3	..
Do Accum	226.4	239.4	-2.3	..
Amer Turnaround Inc	209.6	221.6	-1.9	1.23
Do Accum	217.2	229.8	-2.2	1.23
Capital Tst Inc	203.6	216.4	+0.4	2.34
Do Accum	248.2	262.6	+0.6	2.34
Conv & Gilt Inc	88.6	93.6c	+0.6	5.39
Do Accum	117.6	124.4c	+0.6	5.39
Extra Inc Tst Inc	167.2	176.8	..	4.81
Do Accum	181.4	191.8	..	4.81
Income Trust	120.4	127.4●	..	4.11
Do Accum	128.0	136.4●	+0.2	4.11
Intl Growth Fd Inc	166.4	176.0	-0.6	..
Do Accum	184.6	195.4	-0.9	..
Japan & Gen Inc	95.6	101.0	..	0.07
Do Accum	96.6	102.2	..	0.07
Monthly Income Fd	84.6	89.4●	..	4.93
Recovery	148.8	157.4	+0.4	1.46
Do Accum	161.8	171.2	+0.3	1.46
European Inc	68.4	72.2	+0.2	0.80
Do Accum	68.4	72.2	+0.2	0.80
Financial Inc	48.6	51.4	-0.2	1.00
Do Accum	48.6	51.4	-0.2	1.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey 0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	197.7	209.8●	+1.7	2.79
Do Accum	333.0	353.4●	+2.1	2.79
FP Fixed Int Dist	102.6	109.1●	+0.1	8.59
Do Accum	121.2	128.9●	..	8.59
Stewardship Dist	172.3	182.9●	+0.2	1.72
Do Accum	179.4	190.4●	+0.3	1.72
FUNDS IN COURT Public Trustee Kingsway WC2 01-405 4300				
Capital	365.7	378.5	..	2.68
Gross Inc	162.7	157.5c	..	7.30
High Yield	225.4	228.3	..	5.85
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Special Sits	84.4	88.8	-0.6	1.10
UK Cap Fnd Inc	101.6	108.1	+0.3	2.70
Do Accum	145.9	155.3	+0.5	2.70
Income Fund	78.9	84.0	+0.3	5.00
Pension Exempt	186.7	193.5	-0.3	1.70
International	177.6	189.0	-0.1	0.80
US & General	57.1	60.8●	-0.5	0.80
Tech & Growth	64.4	68.5	-0.5	1.10
Japan & General	248.0	263.9	-1.9	0.10
Far East & Gen	125.2	133.2●	-0.7	0.40
European Fund	280.3	298.2	-2.9	0.90
Germany Fund	77.7	82.7	-0.4	0.00
Intl Inc Fund	51.3	54.6●	..	4.60
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	89.0	93.4	-4.2	0.29
Australian Trust	25.9	27.4	+0.1	0.17
British Tst Accum	62.7	66.6	+0.3	1.80
Do Dist	54.3	57.7	+0.2	1.80
Commodity Share	75.9	79.6●	+0.2	1.40
European Trust	57.3	60.9	-0.3	0.60
Extra Income Trust	49.5	52.7●	..	5.06
Far Eastern Trust	151.5	160.8	+0.1	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	25.6	27.2	+0.8	10.52
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.7	26.3c	..	8.71
Global Fund Accum	187.5	199.0●	-0.4	0.30
Do Dist	178.4	189.3●	-0.5	0.30
Gold Shares Trust	15.7	16.8●	+0.2	1.48
Hedged American	31.8	33.7●	+0.2	0.50
High Income Trust	146.9	155.0	..	5.57
Hong Kong Trust	37.4	39.7	..	1.20
Income Fund	79.9	84.8	+0.3	3.02
Insurance Agencies	249.64	51.75	+0.31	2.01
Japan Trust	139.7	148.3	-0.2	0.00
Managed Exempt	258.8	270.5	+0.9	2.21
Oil & Energy Trust	36.5	38.8	+1.4	2.50
Special Sits Trust	99.4	105.5	+0.3	0.81
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	75.0	79.8	-0.1	0.73
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA 01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	85.6	91.0●	-0.3	0.16
American Growth	67.4	71.8	-0.3	0.67
American Inc	73.9	78.6	-0.5	4.45
European Growth	243.8	259.3	-1.6	0.43
Gold & Minerals	47.4	50.5	-0.4	0.86
Japan Growth	160.5	171.8	+0.7	..
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN 01-588 9903				
Gilt & Fixed Int	109.7	114.0	-0.3	9.82
Growth Equity	199.5	211.2●	+1.9	2.09
Guardhill	275.7	285.6	+1.3	2.89
N American	149.5	158.3	-0.1	1.32
Pacific	264.5	279.7	-0.1	0.09
Property Share	277.4	293.6	+0.4	1.35
Smaller Companies	218.0	230.7	+0.2	1.59
European Trust	278.4	294.7●	-0.2	0.86
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ 01-623 9333				
High Income	51.0	54.7	-1.5	6.48
N Amer Trust	114.7	122.1	-0.6	0.76
Recovery	232.8	245.4	-0.5	2.05
Gilt Trust	35.9	37.2●	+0.1	8.74
St Vincent Inc	88.0	93.7	+0.1	5.30
St Vincent US Gth	75.1	79.3	-0.5	0.73
Temple Bar Sm Co's	187.1	197.4	..	3.42
Euro Gth Tst	48.7	51.6	-0.4	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916				
Hambros Smllr Co's	136.0	144.3	-0.1	1.79
Hambros N Amer	67.8	71.7●	-0.4	0.91
Hambros Jap & F E	126.9	134.9●	-0.3	0.44
Hambros Scandvn	63.4	69.5	-0.7	0.87
Hambros European	109.0	115.7	-0.5	0.80
Hambros Canadian	30.6	33.7●	-2.5	1.21
Hambros Equity Inc	85.2	90.4●	+0.1	4.80
Hambros High Inc	59.2	62.8	..	5.57
Hambros Res Assts	63.9	67.8	+0.2	1.87
Hambros Intl Sits	55.9	59.3	..	0.84
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238				
Amer Recovery Tst	112.8	120.1●	-1.2	0.17
Amer Smaller Co's	51.7	55.3	-0.2	0.01
Australian	64.3	68.8	+0.3	1.19
Capital Growth Inc	55.7	59.3	+0.2	1.70
Do Accum	64.7	68.9	+0.3	1.70
European	279.4	297.2●	-1.6	0.70
Euro Inc Tst	48.1	51.7	..	3.98
Euro Smaller Co's	105.7	112.4	-0.5	0.09
Extra Income	172.4	183.6●	+0.2	4.39
Financial Trust	158.0	168.0●	-0.2	2.95
Fixed Interest Tst	51.3	54.2●	..	10.34
Gilt Trust	39.9	42.2●	+0.1	8.81
Global Healthcare	73.3	78.1	+0.2	0.01
Global Resources	81.5	86.8	+1.7	1.05
Global Tech	113.6	121.2	+0.2	0.07
Gold	60.0	64.2	+0.6	2.41
High Income Tst	184.8	196.6●	-0.1	4.65
Hong Kong	69.2	73.6	+0.2	1.24
Income & Growth Inc	148.2	155.6●	+0.3	3.43
Do Accum	289.5	308.0●	+0.5	3.43
Income Assets	111.9	119.1	+0.5	3.28
International	186.4	199.4	-0.3	0.79
Japan Special Sits	185.7	197.5	-0.5	0.07
Japan Tst	176.4	189.8	..	0.01
North American	147.6	157.9	..	0.68
Pacific Smaller Co's	81.7	86.9	+0.1	1.15
Pref & Gilt	45.1	49.0●	..	10.24
Recovery Tst	98.6	105.0	+0.2	2.66
Singapore & Malay	34.2	36.4	-0.1	1.40
Smaller Co's Div	116.7	124.3●	+0.3	4.68
Special Sits Inc	131.7	140.3	+0.8	1.79
Do Accum	186.5	198.6	+0.9	1.79
Worldwide	377.0	398.8	..	2.66
Euro Exempt	135.8	142.4	-0.9	1.88
Global Tech Exempt	93.9	98.6●	+0.1	1.02
High Income Exempt	122.7	128.8●	+0.5	4.48
Japan Exempt	175.0	184.2	+0.3	0.03
N Amer Exempt	89.2	93.9●	-0.1	1.32
Pacific Exempt	203.4	214.1●	+0.3	2.08
Smaller Co's Exempt	118.3	124.5●	+0.3	1.88
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	533.1	564.2●	+5.6	3.18
Capital Trust Units	104.5	110.6	-1.4	2.84
Dollar Trust Units	195.8	207.0	-0.6	2.33
European Trust	132.8	161.5	-0.3	0.92
Far East Trust	141.4	149.7c	-0.9	0.59
Financial Trust	371.0	392.6	+2.3	2.79
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	26.1	27.2●	+0.1	10.85
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	65.4	69.2●	+0.1	5.09
Income Trust	80.5	82.2●	-1.3	4.82
International	142.0	150.5	-0.4	1.73
Japan Tech Tst	39.3	41.6	-0.1	0.00
Natural Resources	37.2	39.4	-0.2	1.91
Security Trust	187.5	198.5	+0.3	3.30
Smaller Cos	89.3	94.6	+0.2	1.91
Special Sits	95.2	100.8	-1.2	2.50
US Smaller Cos	24.7	26.2	-0.1	0.95
IBI FUND MANAGERS 32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB 01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	142.4	150.7●	-0.1	1.80
IBI Inc Plus	57.3	60.7	..	9.20
IBI Capital Growth	57.6	61.2	..	1.90
Investment Tst Fnd	75.9	80.4●	+0.3	3.39
KEY FUND MANAGERS 35, Fountain Street, Manchester (03038) 93364				
Equity & Gen	44.4	47.4	+0.1	1.80
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	62.4	66.4	..	10.86
Higher Inc	119.5	127.8●	+0.1	5.01
Income	50.2	53.6●	+0.5	3.55
International	276.5	295.7●	-0.6	1.00
KLEINWORT BENSON 'SEE BARRINGTON MGMT CO LTD'				
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT Plecy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE 01-588 2800				
Income Fund	446.5	455.7	..	5.33
International & Gen	264.8	270.4	..	0.89
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex 0277 234634				
Equity Distribution	267.0	284.0	+0.9	2.76
Do Accum	422.2	449.1	+1.4	2.76
Do Income	62.2	66.2	+0.1	4.92
European	78.7	83.7	-0.3	1.54
Far Eastern	121.3	128.9	..	0.70
Gilt Trust	69.5	73.5	..	8.04
O'seas Equity	87.9	93.5●	-0.5	1.61
Natural Res	72.7	77.3	-0.3	1.82
N American Trust	88.9	93.9	-0.5	1.50
UK Special Sits	64.7	68.9●	-0.1	0.29
International Bond	47.6	50.6	..	6.82
Japanese Tst	51.7	55.0	+0.1	0.91
Managed Tst	48.4	51.5	..	2.81
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex 0444 459144				
Balanced	181.2	192.7●	+0.8	3.28
Do Accum	327.1	347.9●	+1.5	3.28
Cont Euro Gth Inc	47.0	50.0	..	0.33
Do Accum	47.0	50.0	..	0.33
Energy Intl	54.7	58.1	-0.4	2.99
Do Accum	61.3	65.2	-0.3	2.99
Extra Income	159.4	169.5●	+0.3	5.22
Do Accum	282.1	301.7●	-4.0	5.22
German Gth Inc	75.4	80.2	-0.7	0.17
Do Accum	76.7	80.5	-0.7	0.17
Income	270.8	288.0	+0.5	4.70
Do Accum	544.0	578.7	+1.1	4.70
Intl Tech	196.4	209.9●	-0.4	0.25
Do Accum	205.5	218.6●	-0.4	0.25
Japan Growth	82.3	87.5	-0.2	0.02
Do Accum	82.5	87.7	-0.2	0.02
N Amer & Gen	107.8	114.6	-0.4	1.18
Do Accum	116.5	123.9	-0.3	1.18
Pacific Basin	146.1	155.4	+0.7	0.01
Do Accum	152.5	162.3	+0.8	0.01
Smaller Cos & Rec	194.3	206.7●	+0.3	2.10
Do Accum	219.5	233.5●	+0.4	2.10
Worldwide Growth	216.3	230.1●	-2.5	0.39
Do Accum	304.7	324.1●	-3.4	0.39
UK Growth Fund	48.4	51.4●	+0.2	2.02
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
General Trust	43.2	45.9●	+0.2	3.70
Income Trust	36.8	39.1	+0.1	6.20
International Trust	38.8	41.2	-0.1	0.80
American	34.1	36.2●	-0.2	2.00
Japan	48.8	51.9	-0.1	0.00
Trust of Inv	31.8	33.8	+0.2	2.10
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	230.9	243.6	-1.5	1.35
Do Accum	280.2	294.0	-1.7	1.35
Amer Recovery	246.6	262.2●	-1.3	0.56
Do Accum	268.9	284.7●	-1.3	0.55
Am Smaller Co Acc	57.7	60.9	-0.5	0.57
Australia Acc	120.2	131.8	+0.1	0.81
Commodity Acc	238.6	255.4	+0.5	2.88
Compound Growth	422.1	451.6	+2.7	3.20
Conversion Growth	335.4	358.9	+0.9	2.89
Do Inc	195.4	209.1	+1.3	5.77
Dividend Fund Inc	415.7	438.6●	+2.9	5.17
Do Accum	£12.44	13.13●	+0.08	5.17
European Acc	286.5	302.3	-1.9	0.98
Extra Yield Inc	233.6	248.4	+1.9	5.59
Do Accum	512.3	545.5	+4.1	5.59
Far Eastern Inc	164.8	173.9	-0.3	1.17
Do Accum	201.5	212.6	-0.5	1.17
Fund Of Inv Inc	262.3	276.7●	+1.3	2.66
Do Acc	415.9	438.8	+2.1	2.66
General Income	647.3	682.9	+3.6	3.86
Do Accum	£13.72	14.47	+0.07	3.86
Gilt & Fixed Int	56.1	57.9●	-0.1	10.10
Do Accum	88.7	91.0●	-0.2	10.10
Gold Income	48.0	48.0	-0.4	2.55
Do Accum	49.1	52.3	-0.5	2.55
High Income Inc	320.6	341.4●	+2.3	5.56
Do Accum	883.3	940.7	+6.1	5.56
Intl Growth Inc	800.2	844.2	+0.5	1.76
Do Accum	£12.89	13.60	+0.09	1.76
Intl Inc	82.6	88.0	+0.1	5.14
Japan Acc	867.7	915.4	-2.4	0.00
Japan Smaller Acc	87.5	92.3	-0.3	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	582.5	614.6●	+3.1	4.23
Do Accum	£14.72	15.53●	+0.07	4.23
Recovery Fund Inc	372.4	400.3	+3.3	3.31
Do Accum	483.3	518.6	+4.2	3.31
Second Gen Inc	727.7	767.7●	+2.7	3.65
Do Accum	£14.57	15.37●	+0.06	3.65
Smaller Cos Inc	680.4	731.4	+4.5	2.88
Do Accum	£10.73	11.53	+0.07	2.88
Trustee Fund Inc	453.9	483.4	+2.2	4.53
Charibond Inc (3)	101.7	●	..	11.70
Charifund Inc (2)	404.9	409.0●	+2.4	5.79
Pension Exempt (1)	476.3	485.4	..	4.25
NAACIF Inc (3)	37.1	●	..	8.48
Do Accum (3)	467.4	●	..	8.48
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD 01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	58.3	60.2	-0.2	2.79
Smaller Co's	141.2	149.8	..	1.38
UK Market Features	85.7	90.8	+0.7	1.73
Do Accum	89.7	95.2	+0.7	1.73
General Funds				
UK Growth	37.3	39.8●	+0.4	2.21
Managed Inv	59.9	63.6	..	2.56
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	57.6	61.1	+0.5	7.53
Gilt	24.0	25.3c	-0.6	8.60
Inc & Growth	205.8	218.1●	+2.1	4.41
Nat High Inc	198.6	210.7	+2.5	5.31
Pref Shares	17.2	18.2●	..	10.25
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	144.5	153.3●	+1.4	1.72
Financial Secs	48.1	51.0●	+0.3	1.12
Gold	59.9	64.2	+0.3	0.55
Do Accum	62.0	66.5	+0.3	0.54
Intl Leisure	15.4	16.3●	-0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	66.1	70.1	+0.8	0.51
Univ Energy	40.7	43.2	+0.3	0.92
World Tech	43.3	45.9	-0.3	0.00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	85.4	89.0	+0.9	3.83
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	106.1	112.6	-0.7	1.56
Aust Growth	79.5	84.4	+0.7	1.00
European Perf	92.8	98.5	-0.8	0.36
Do Accum	93.1	98.8	-0.9	0.36
Euro Smaller	17.3	18.4	-0.1	0.74
Far East	80.5	84.2	+0.4	0.08
Hong Kong	33.6	35.8	+0.7	1.26
Intl Growth	39.2	41.6●	-0.1	1.14
Intl Recovery	110.8	117.8	-0.4	0.46
Japan Perf	79.6	84.5	+0.2	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	16.5	17.5	+0.3	0.00
US Small Co	68.8	73.0●	-0.1	0.00
Do Accum	68.8	73.0●	-0.1	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	57.8	61.4●	+0.4	4.89
US Income	60.8	64.5	-0.2	4.05
Do Accum	66.0	70.0	-0.2	4.05
MEL Trusts				
Meteor Gilt	67.9	69.8	-0.2	10.10
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX 0622 674751				
MLA American	26.1	28.5	-0.1	0.94
MLA General	33.4	35.4●	+0.1	2.11
MLA International	59.7	63.2	-0.2	0.83
MLA Gilt Unit	21.6	22.9●	..	11.40
MLA Income	42.6	45.1●	+0.7	4.96
MLA European	32.3	34.2	..	0.73
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts 0438 356101				
Growth Units	75.8	79.7	..	3.09
Gilt & Fixed Int	103.1	108.7	..	7.79
High Income Units	115.1	122.3	..	4.58
High Yield Gilt Unit	57.0	59.0	..	9.07
Intl Growth Units	146.7	155.9	..	0.35
N American Units	74.6	79.5	..	0.78
Far East Units	98.1	105.3	..	0.06
Smaller Cos Fund	73.0	77.6	..	2.02
MENCAP UNIT TRUST Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7 01-234 5544				
Mencap	135.0	142.5	+0.2	4.85
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS 01-280 2050				
Amer Growth	98.7	104.4●	-0.5	0.97
Do Accum	103.0	108.9●	-0.6	0.97
Amer Income	52.5	55.5	-0.2	3.76
Do Accum	56.0	59.2	-0.3	3.76
European Growth	143.3	151.6	-0.2	0.99
Do Accum	148.4	157.0	-0.2	0.99
General	247.1	261.4	+0.6	2.10
Do Accum	405.8	429.2	+1.0	2.10
Gilt & Fixed	79.3	79.8●	+0.2	8.01
Do Accum	92.4	92.9●	+0.3	8.01
Income	85.9	90.8	+0.1	4.42
Do Accum	96.8	102.4	+0.1	4.42
International	271.9	287.7c	-1.4	1.86
Do Accum	337.2	356.8c	-1.7	1.86
Japan	188.0	198.8	-0.9	0.00
Do Accum	190.4	201.4	-1.0	0.00
Recovery	203.9	215.7●	+0.7	2.16
Do Accum	219.9	232.6●	+0.7	2.16
Exempt Dist	243.5	249.7	+0.2	2.67
Exempt Accum	377.7	387.3	+13.0	2.67
Euro Income Fu Inc	82.8	87.6c	+0.3	3.42
Do Accum	84.2	89.1c	+0.3	3.42
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Courtwood Hse. Silver St. Head. Sheffield S1 3RD 0742 769842				
Capital Income	77.7	82.4	+0.4	2.34
Do Accum	105.6	112.2	+0.5	2.34
Commodity & Gen	129.2	137.1●	-0.3	2.78
Do Accum	183.9	195.1●	-0.4	2.78
Extra High Inc	58.7	62.2	+0.1	8.10
Do Accum	68.4	73.6	+0.1	8.10
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.1	51.2●	-0.1	9.90
Do Accum	62.9	65.9●	-0.3	9.90
High Yield	155.1	165.6●	+0.2	5.76
Do Accum	271.0	287.5●	+0.2	5.76
Income	174.1	184.7	+0.2	3.83
Do Accum	289.5	308.0	+0.4	3.83
Japan & Pacific	305.0	323.6	-0.4	0.20
Do Accum	320.0	339.5	-0.5	0.20
N American Inc	118.2	125.4●	-0.4	1.45
Do Accum	142.2	150.9●	-0.5	1.45
Euro Gth Inc	136.1	144.3●	-0.9	1.37
Do Accum	163.9	173.8●	-1.0	1.37
Managed Portfolio	53.5	56.7	-0.1	3.56
Smaller Cos Inc	120.0	127.3	+0.3	2.42
Do Accum	127.9	135.6	+0.3	2.42
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH 041 221 9252				
American	124.8	133.2	-0.2	2.87
European	271.8	289.9	-1.4	1.24
Smaller Cos	222.0	236.9●	+0.5	0.81
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS 48, Gracechurch St. EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	199.4	212.2●	+1.8	3.10
Do Accum	325.7	346.5●	+3.0	3.10
NPI Overseas	537.2	578.0	+2.1	1.10
Do Accum	780.2	830.1	+2.5	1.10
Far East Acc	95.68	101.8	+0.49	0.60
American Acc	82.7	87.9●	-0.2	1.40
European Acc	58.8	62.5	-0.9	0.40
Worldwide Acc	55.1	58.7		1.10
NORWICH UT MANAGERS PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Group Trust	£12.21	12.85	+0.04	3.69
Intl Trust	143.6	151.2	-0.4	1.92
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT 66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	151.4	161.1	-0.4	0.35
Income & Growth	58.9	62.7	+0.2	3.68
Worldwide Rec	93.9	99.9c	-0.1	0.65
American Growth	33.8	36.0	-0.3	..
Japan Growth	55.8	59.4●	-0.1	0.00
European Growth	75.3	80.2	-0.4	0.03
UK Growth	53.2	56.6●	-0.2	1.88
Pacific Growth	47.8	50.9●	-0.9	..
High Income	34.6	36.8	+0.4	7.26
Practical Income	61.6	65.6	+0.2	1.89
Do Accum	113.3	120.5	+0.5	1.89
PEARL TRUST 252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	91.4	97.2	+0.2	2.26
Do Accum	137.2	146.0	+0.3	2.26
Income Fund	123.5	131.4	+0.5	3.88
Intl Equity Inc	141.8	150.9	-0.2	1.28
Do Accum	143.1	152.2	-0.2	1.28
Unit Trust Inc	129.5	137.9●	+0.3	2.86
Do Accum	226.7	241.2●	+0.5	2.86
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames 0491 576868				
Intl Growth	284.3	303.5	-0.5	0.73
Income	191.5	204.0	-0.2	4.94
Worldwide Rec	158.9	169.6	-1.5	1.37
Amer Growth	70.3	75.1	-0.5	0.00
Intl Emerg Co's	81.4	87.0	-1.0	0.00
Far East Growth	84.7	90.5●	+0.3	0.86
European Gth	82.3	88.5●	-0.6	1.27
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 01-247 7544/7				
International	125.3	133.4	-0.5	0.92
High Income	81.7	85.1●	+0.2	4.22
Conv & Gilt	97.2	103.6●	+0.2	6.84
Far Eastern	184.1	195.9	-0.8	0.02
North American	129.9	139.0	-0.7	0.07
Special Sits	70.6	75.6●	+0.6	1.48
Technology	118.0	126.3●	+0.2	0.00
Extra Income	90.1	96.4c	+0.3	4.55
Euro Gth & Inc	47.7	50.8	+0.1	3.16
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL 01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	403.5	426.8	+2.5	3.08
European	111.1	117.5●	-0.5	0.52
Holborn Comms	52.8	55.7	-0.2	0.87
Holborn High Inc	84.4	88.1●	+0.1	5.31
Holborn Intl	106.5	112.6	-2.3	0.78
Japanese	105.3	111.4	-0.8	0.05
N American	77.4	81.9●	-0.4	0.80
Holborn Spec Sits	64.3	68.1●	..	1.95
Holborn UK Growth	81.3	86.0	+0.5	2.02
Holborn Gilt Trust	179.8	186.4	+0.4	2.52
Holborn Smlr Cos	49.9	52.7	..	2.18
Holborn Eqty Inc	..		..	..
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY 31-45 Gresham St. London EC2V 7LH 01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	441.2	468.8	..	2.81
Quadrant Income	244.9	258.2	..	5.36
Quadrant Intl Fd	419.1	443.5	-2.8	1.57
Quadrant Recovery	273.2	288.2	..	2.42
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 576115				
American Growth	85.0	90.5	..	0.82
Gilt Income	51.8	54.6	+0.1	9.47
High Income	80.2	85.4●	+0.5	4.83
Income & Growth	98.5	104.8●	+0.7	4.27
Japan Growth	95.2	101.3	..	0.03
Special Sits	112.8	120.0	+0.2	1.26
UK Growth Tst	43.9	46.8a	+0.6	2.17
ROWAN UNIT TRUST 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS 01-606 5676				
American (4)	228.5	232.5	..	1.92
Securities (2)	728.5	743.5	+16.0	2.30
High Yield (6)	167.5	171.0●	..	7.16
Merlin (3)	430.0	438.0	..	1.35
Fixed Interest	153.0	154.0	-3.5	2.85
High Interest	111.5	112.5a	-0.51	13.80
Far East (2)	246.0	249.5	+11.5	0.05
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	81.1	84.6●	+0.3	2.86
Intl Trust	79.5	84.1	-0.4	1.36
Gilt Trust	23.7	24.9●	+0.1	9.23
US Trust	35.2	37.2	-0.2	1.71
Pacific Basin Tst	46.5	49.3	-0.2	0.48
20 Clifton St. London EC2 01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	114.3	121.0●	+0.2	1.84
Do Accum	161.5	170.9●	+0.4	1.84
High Income Trust	90.5	95.8c	+0.1	4.41
Do Accum	107.5	113.8c	+0.1	4.41
US Growth	58.9	62.4	-0.1	0.91
Do Accum	60.1	63.6	-0.1	0.91
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU 01-280 5456				
NC Income	87.9	93.5●	+0.3	4.82
NC Japan	194.9	207.3	+0.2	0.01
NC Major UK Co	51.5	54.7●	+0.2	2.30
NC Smaller Aus	65.8	70.6	+0.2	1.34
NC American Inc	288.3	304.5	-0.1	1.15
Do Accum	312.8	332.5	+4.8	1.15
NC Smaller Cos	143.0	152.1	+0.1	1.93
NC Smlr Europ Co's	198.1	210.7●	-0.8	0.33
NC Exempt Gilt	£118.0	121.0●	..	8.44
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB (Romford) 0708-66966				
Amer Inc & Growth	69.3	73.7●	-0.1	6.66
Capital Units	108.3	115.2c	+0.7	1.19
Commodity	57.7	61.3	..	0.75
European Growth	122.0	129.7●	-0.7	0.57
Financial Secs	98.8	105.1●	+0.8	1.94
High Return Units	187.0	198.9	+1.6	4.97
High Yield Units	166.8	177.4	+1.7	4.25
Income Units	95.2	101.2	+0.8	5.82
Investment Trust	94.3	100.3	+1.1	2.80
Japan Growth	101.9	108.3	-0.5	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	121.5	129.2	..	0.00
Masterfund	30.8	32.7c	..	2.78
Scotbits	134.1	142.6	+1.1	2.40
Scotshares	148.9	158.4●	+1.0	4.21
Scotyields	155.4	165.3	+1.1	4.52
Select International	83.3	88.6	+0.2	1.10
Smaller Co's Inc	162.1	172.4	+0.4	4.36
Special Situations	97.9	104.1	+0.7	1.71
UK Equity	181.4	192.9	+2.3	2.88
US Growth	76.9	81.8	-0.4	1.25
Universal Growth	93.4	99.3		1.12
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
American Acc	139.8	148.7●	+0.5	0.76
Australia Acc	80.9	86.5	+0.1	1.15
European Inc	131.9	140.3	+0.2	0.90
Do Accum	136.2	144.8	+0.2	0.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.4	54.2	+0.1	9.06
Gold Fund Inc	42.1	44.7	-0.1	1.68
Do Accum	44.3	47.1	-0.2	1.68
Income	178.8	190.2●	+0.4	5.15
Intl Income	122.5	130.4●	+0.3	0.28
Do Accum	169.5	180.4●	+0.5	0.28
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	135.9	144.5	-0.8	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	69.0	73.4●	-0.9	0.78
Smaller Co Inc Acc	137.0	145.7●	+0.2	1.16
Special Sits Inc	108.1	115.0	+1.1	0.54
Do Accum	112.9	120.1	+1.2	0.54
Tokyo Fund Inc	243.0	258.5	..	0.00
Do Accum	245.5	261.1	..	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	53.3	56.7●	-0.5	0.00
UK Equity Inc	104.4	111.0	+0.9	3.28
Do Accum	162.0	172.3	+1.4	3.28
Far East Gth Accum	64.0	68.0	..	0.50
Extra Inc	62.3	66.2●	+0.2	7.49
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 33-38 Gracechurch St London EC3V 0AX 01-623 5776/6711				
UK Equity Inc	25.0	26.4	+0.3	4.90
Do Acc	25.3	26.8	+0.2	..
Euro Tst Inc	29.2	31.1●	-0.3	0.27
Do Acc	29.2	31.1●	-0.3	..
Global Gth Inc	29.5	31.4●	+0.1	0.76
Do Acc	29.6	31.5●	+0.1	..
Managed Exempt	121.8	126.9	..	3.00
Pacific Basin	24.1	25.6	-0.1	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	155.0	164.9	-0.2	2.75
Do Accum	233.6	248.6	-0.6	2.75
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	179.6	192.1	+0.7	1.83
American	153.6	164.3	-0.9	1.25
Pacific	204.3	218.5	+0.5	0.05
European	265.6	284.1	-0.4	0.61
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 61 0				
UK Equity	169.0	178.8	+1.2	3.00
Gilt & Fixed	108.1	115.0	+0.7	9.09
UK Smlr Co's Eq	180.8	190.5	+0.4	2.23
European	220.8	234.9	-3.5	0.97
N American	120.9	128.7	-0.7	1.51
Pacific	196.7	209.3	+0.1	0.40
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST 29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-226 4372				
Pacific	71.2	75.6	+0.4	0.00
World Growth	40.0	42.5●	..	0.74
N American	33.8	35.9	-0.2	0.00
Income Fund	45.7	48.6●	+0.3	4.91
European	48.7	51.7	-0.3	0.77
N Amer Inc	28.1	29.9	..	1.78
UK Growth	31.1	33.1	+0.4	2.04
Extra Inc	32.4	34.4●	+0.3	5.71
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	221.4	248.3	+1.7	2.90
Do Accum	270.3	287.7	+1.8	2.90
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT 30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY 01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	105.2	112.0	-0.4	0.54
Pacific	213.2	227.0	..	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	171.7	182.9	+1.9	4.54
Special Situations	218.6	233.0●	..	1.48
Intl Growth	43.6	46.4	-0.1	0.16
American Majors	73.0	78.0●	-0.4	1.26
Small Co's	41.9	44.6	..	1.67
Japan Tech & Gen	112.3	119.6	-0.2	0.00
International Income	57.9	61.7●	+0.4	5.83
Exempt	582.9	609.5	..	2.25
UK General	34.8	36.8●	+0.2	3.63
Euro Growth	42.1	44.8	-0.2	0.32
Euro Income	48.4	51.5●	..	4.00
STANDARD LIFE 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Income Units	24.7	26.3	+0.2	2.59
Do Accum Units	27.7	29.5	+0.2	2.59
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031-225 3271				
American Fund	227.6	242.5●	-0.9	1.49
Do Accum	257.3	274.1●	-0.9	1.49
Do Withdrawal	155.4	165.6●	-0.7	1.49
Australian Fund	137.9	146.9	+0.7	0.84
Do Accum	140.2	149.4	+0.7	0.84
British Fund	591.6	630.1	+2.3	4.40
Do Accum	811.1	863.9	+2.9	4.40
European Fund	334.4	356.2	-1.6	0.51
Do Accum	352.6	375.6	-1.7	0.51
Japan Fund	65.9	70.2	..	0.21
Do Accum	66.2	70.5	..	0.21
Swiss PPP	176.6	185.9	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex 0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	388.3	410.9	+2.1	2.71
N Am Trust Acc	63.8	67.6	-0.2	1.42
Far East Trust Acc	93.3	99.2	+1.9	0.09
Worldwide Bond	52.3	55.6	..	6.53
European	56.3	59.9	..	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	47.1	50.0	..	7.11
SUN LIFE OF CANADA 2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH Dealing no:01-930 2802				
UK Income	25.1	26.7	+0.3	4.65
Do Growth	24.0	25.5	+0.3	2.99
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	119.7	127.4	-0.2	1.50
Do Accum	125.7	133.8	-0.3	1.50
Extra Income Inc	117.1	124.6	+0.7	5.34
Do Accum	140.4	149.4	+0.8	5.34
General Unit Inc	158.1	168.2	+1.2	2.93
Do Accum	260.5	277.0	+1.9	2.93
Gilt & Fixed Inc	45.0	46.9●	-0.1	9.54
Do Accum	66.5	69.1●	-0.2	9.54
Income	216.8	230.7●	+1.3	4.58
Accum	348.6	365.8●	+2.1	4.58
Pacific Inc	186.9	198.9	+1.8	0.51
Do Accum	193.0	205.4	+1.9	0.51
Intl Inc	346.5	368.6●	+1.0	1.04
Do Accum	431.0	458.5●	+1.3	1.04
Selected Opps Inc	65.9	70.2	+0.1	1.84
Do Accum	72.9	77.6	+0.1	1.84
Natural Res	55.0	58.5●	+0.2	1.82
Do Accum	57.0	60.7●	+0.2	1.82
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	75.2	79.8●	-0.3	0.09
Australian	22.5	23.8	+0.2	0.10
Commodity	85.5	90.7	+0.6	9.96
Energy	29.0	31.0	..	1.91
Equity	129.7	137.9c	+0.3	3.56
European Spec Sits	119.4	126.9	-0.5	0.64
Extra Income	116.9	124.2	+0.1	5.73
Financial	270.7	286.8	-0.1	1.83
Gilt Income	92.5	97.6●	-1.2	8.86
Gold Income	72.7	77.0●	+0.5	0.85
Do Accum	133.6	142.0●	+1.0	0.83
Income	86.7	92.1●	+0.5	4.34
Japan	104.6	111.1	-0.1	0.10
Malay & Singapore	24.9	26.6	..	0.92
Pacific Inc	111.9	119.0	..	0.69
Do Reinvest	137.5	146.3	+2.5	0.89
Pref Share Fd	17.1	18.2●	..	9.92
UK Capital	71.8	76.2	+0.3	1.34
Special Sits	85.3	90.9	-0.1	0.89
Technology	47.7	50.7	-0.2	0.10
World Income	64.0	68.0	-0.1	4.17
Worldwide Capital	149.5	159.0	-0.1	1.12
Equity Ex (3)	88.4	93.9●	-0.1	1.97
Do Accum (3)	166.7	177.6●	..	1.97
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ 01-374 4595				
Far East & Gen	66.9	71.5	..	0.70
Japan & Gen	53.8	57.5	+0.3	0.89
Nth Amer & Gen	50.2	53.6	-0.1	0.94
Oriental Inc	54.1	57.9	-0.1	0.87
Pacific Tech	73.5	78.6	+0.1	0.63
Tiger	41.6	44.4	+0.3	2.25
UK & Gen	24.8	26.3	+0.1	2.86
Oriental Acc				
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP 01 928-5356				
Smaller Co's	64.9	69.0	+0.1	0.00
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT 01-248 1250				
American Growth	41.7	44.4	-0.3	0.60
General Growth	51.1	54.6	+0.2	2.89
Global Tech	47.8	51.1●	-0.2	0.10
Income Growth	61.8	65.5	+0.4	4.77
Income Monthly	47.0	50.3●	+0.2	6.46
Japan Growth	49.5	52.9●	-0.1	0.12
Man Equity Inc	24.2	25.7	+0.1	2.36
Do Accum	24.2	25.7	+0.1	2.36
O'seas Growth	52.2	55.8●	-0.2	0.79
Smaller Cos	64.1	68.2	+0.2	2.29
Special Opps	76.3	81.6	+0.2	1.30
TYNDALL MANAGERS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4OE 01-837 8494				
Australian	68.5	73.3●	+0.3	0.65
Capital	321.9	341.0●	+2.2	3.17
Europe Growth Acc	119.2	126.9	-1.1	0.94
Exempt	295.3	312.8●	-1.1	5.47
Far Eastern	194.4	207.9	-0.4	0.82
Fin & Prop	87.5	93.9	+0.4	3.05
Gilt Capital	112.0	115.6	+0.2	7.13
Gilt Income	95.8	98.6●	+0.1	10.91
High Yield	55.5	58.8●	+0.1	5.53
Income	240.9	255.2●	+1.9	4.78
Intl Earnings	161.8	171.4	+0.8	2.74
Intl Growth Inc	85.4	91.0	-0.1	0.77
Japan Growth Acc	759.6	804.7●	+2.7	4.78
Nat Resources Inc	203.9	217.9	+0.6	1.50
Nth Amer Gth Inc	118.8	127.1	-0.3	0.83
Preference Inc	112.3	119.0●	..	10.81
Small Co's Div Inc	61.5	65.1	+0.4	5.70
Small Co's Inc	202.2	214.2	-0.1	1.78
Special Sits Inc	106.9	113.2●	-0.1	1.38
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS UK House, Castle St. Salisbury SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
UK Equity	122.6	129.9	+0.5	..
Pacific Basin	167.9	178.0	-0.6	..
N Amer	129.1	136.8	-0.4	..
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468				
Growth Inc	187.6	199.5	+0.8	2.39
Do Accum	276.8	294.2	+1.3	2.39
High Yield	207.9	221.1	+1.0	5.05
Do Accum	212.5	226.0	+1.0	5.05
Special Sits	41.2	43.8	+0.1	2.61
Do Accum	41.5	44.1●	+0.1	2.61
Trustee	137.5	146.2c	+0.4	4.24
Do Accum	211.1	224.5	+0.5	4.24
Amer & Gen	64.9	69.1	..	1.84
Do Accum	65.2	69.4	+0.1	1.84
Master Portfolio	£63.32	64.94●	+0.05	2.40
Do Accum	£63.86	65.50	+0.05	2.40
Abing Rotn Asts (5)	124.8	132.8	..	2.26
Do Accum	125.9	133.7	..	2.26
Far East & Gen Inc	58.0	61.8	+0.6	0.00
Do Accum	58.0	61.8	+0.6	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	50.3	53.6	-0.2	0.68
Do Acc	50.3	53.6	-0.2	0.68
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2 01-929 1532				
American Trust	67.8	72.8	-0.3	1.80
Far East & Gen	120.2	127.2	-0.5	0.50
Intl Growth	78.6	83.1	-0.4	0.50
Income Trust	85.1	91.1●	+0.3	5.30
Japan Growth	136.2	145.7	-0.2	0.10
Small Companies	111.9	119.7	-0.1	2.00
Technology	38.2	40.8●	..	0.10
Australia	49.1	52.5	..	1.40
UK Trust	136.8	144.8●	+0.8	2.50
European Growth	61.4	65.0	+0.1	0.20
Hong Kong	30.9	32.7	+0.2	1.60
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh 031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	28.3	30.1	+0.4	0.15
Pacific Basin	22.4	23.8●	+0.4	0.20
Canadian Bal Gth	58.6	62.3●	-0.5	0.00
Ginnie Mae Fnd	¢103.3	107.6●	-0.1	8.80
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	68.8	69.7	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	¢51.8	52.1	+0.1	..
Challenger	49.7	50.0	+0.1	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	49.8	52.0●	+0.2	7.56
Income	56.7	60.4	-0.1	4.85
Growth	55.0	58.6	..	2.11

The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14½	8½	A & M Gp	11½	12½	..	0.6a	5.0	17.1
65	46	ATA Selection	56	60	●+4	2.1	3.6	15.5
136	98	Abbeycrest	130	134	●..	3.6	2.7	18.8
64	33	Aberdeen Sth Hse	45	50	..	1.7e	3.5	13.4
143	45	Access Satellite	..	..	..	4.6	..	..
106	34	Acorn Comp	38	40	..	..	..	2.7
19	8½	Acme Jewellery	16	18	..	..	..	8.1
22	14	Adam Leisure	14	16	..	..	..	1.9
127	90	Airspring	98	103	+8	7.7	7.8	..
276	121	Anglia Secure Hms	269	272	-1	2.3	0.8	32.5
121	56	Antler	106	110	-1	..	..	..
165	132	Applebee	147	152	-3	2.9	1.9	14.4
368	210	App Holographics	343	348	+1	..	..	..
320	185	Do Wnts	300	310	..	..	..	..
146	138	Ashford	135	140	-7	4.3	3.1	14.2
355	162	Aspen Comms	313	318	+1	4.4	1.4	32.9
189	102	Aspinall	105	109	+1	8.6	8.0	5.6
620	440	Aspray	530	560	-10	14.3	2.6	15.6
40	27	Assoc Energy	31	33	+1	..	..	7.9
233	155	ASD	165	175	..	11.4	6.7	7.3
148	122	Allec Equipment	145	150	+3	7.0	4.7	13.5
95	81	Ausprage	87	92	-1	8.6	9.6	15.6
70	64	BBB Design	65	68	+1	1.4	2.1	16.1
44½	43	BCE	43	44½	+½	..	..	..
228	185	BPP	263	268	+4	7.1	3.4	16.6
85	70	BTS Grp	73	76	..	5.7	7.6	8.8
127	58	Bedford (William)	108	113	..	8.4	5.0	10.2
28	16½	Bennett & Fountain	23½	24½	●+½	0.7	2.9	20.2
53	37	Bensons Crisps	44	48	..	..	..	12.9
17½	9	Berkeley & Hay	16	16½	..	..	..	28.4
90	28	Berkeley Exp	82	84	..	..	..	8.8
123	122	Berry,Birch & Noble	120	123	..	6.0	4.9	14.2
156	141	Biston&Batteries	138	143	..	5.3	3.8	17.4
24	19	Bio Isolates	14	16	..	..	..	..
34	18	Biomechanics	27	33	..	..	..	..
44	39½	Bipol	38	39	-½	1.8	4.7	9.8
133	98	Blanchards	108	112	●..	6.4	5.8	12.0
153	138	Blenheim Exhib	150	155	+5	3.0	2.0	23.5
293	165	Bluebird Toys	230	235	+1	5.0	1.7	22.7
160	133	Borland	133	136	●+2	..	..	..
27	18	Brewmaker	19	21	..	1.1	5.5	10.8
155	70	Bristol	77	82	●+2	6.0	7.5	6.5
236	125	Brent	232	237	●+7	5.4	2.3	23.7
250	150	Br Bloodstock	180	190	..	12.6	6.8	8.7
59	48	Br Island	53	56	-2	4.8	7.3	10.0
59	42	Broad St	48	48	+2	1.6	3.4	..
358	180	Brookmount	335	345	..	5.0	1.5	18.5
188	115	Brown (Charlie)	183	190	●	4.3	2.3	21.6
345	195	Bryant (Derek)	220	230	..	11.6b	5.2	8.0
3½	2	Bula Resources	2½	3½	..	..	..	..
103	73	CCA Galleries	82	87	-1	3.4	4.0	12.6
180	130	CML Micro	158	168	-2	2.6	1.6	16.7
42	25	CPU Comp	32	34	..	..	..	19.8
175	130	CVD	140	160	●-5	..	..	..
210	85	Caledonian Oil	140	150	..	..	..	..
68	62	Campbell	62	66	..	2.9	4.5	13.2
184	86	Cannon Street Inv	181	184	..	3.6	2.0	27.3
141	74	Chancery Secs	128	131	●	3.1	2.4	15.7
205	83	Checkpoint Europe	145	155	..	..	..	13.2
161	125	Chelsea Man	150	155	●+2	2.3	1.5	25.1
13	6½	Chem Methods	9	10½	..	3.0	30.0	..
286	158	Cheshire W	255	260	●-2	5.2	2.0	27.5
21½	8½	Clifer	15	16½	-1½	..	..	2.4
103	68	Clydesdale	100	105	+3	3.6	3.5	15.7
45	25	Coynesco	40	43	-1	..	..	..
800	475	Chrysalis 7%	775	825	..	..	..	..
155	67	Cresprina	83	88	..	1.8	2.1	9.9
173	146	Clarke Hooper	143	148	..	3.3	2.3	19.7
33	14	Clogau Gold	31½	33	+½	..	..	..
57	25	Cluff Oil Hldgs	52	55	-1	..	..	..
120	87	Coated Electrodes	112	117	●..	5.6	4.9	13.4
88	53	Cobra Emerald	58	65	..	..	..	..
143	111	Colins	138	143	..	3.9	2.8	15.4
133	21	Colorgen Inc	22	27	+1	..	..	..
175	123	Comp Financial	157	162	●..	3.3	2.1	29.4
53	30	Compsoft	40	45	-½	..	..	7.2
162	84	Consultants	150	154	+2	1.8	1.2	38.6
58	36	Cons Tern Ims	38	42	..	7.1e	17.8	35.8
172½	105	Contl Microwave	153	163	●-2	3.2	2.0	18.5
115	83	Cowells	97	102	●..	3.7	3.7	13.9
133	83	CPM	93	98	..	2.5	2.6	14.2
430	308	Crampshore	395	415	●-3	8.6	2.2	18.6
73	46	Cranbrook	50	55	-1	0.7e	1.3	14.0
114	86	Cranswick	92	97	-1	8.4	8.9	8.7
113	75	Craton Lodge	105	110	+3	2.8	2.6	22.8
186	153	Creighton Labs	160	170	●-2	5.3	3.2	20.1
82	68	Crown TV Prods	69	72	..	..	..	..
157	78	Crusts	138	143	●..	1.5	1.1	15.7
73	43	DBE Tech	43	48	..	..	..	42.8
140	83	DJ Sec Alarms	93	98	..	2.1	2.2	7.8
85	58	Daron	57	62	●+2	1.4	2.3	10.5
216	190	Davies (DY)	190	195	..	4.9	2.5	21.6
84	56	Deep & Bowes	74	77	-1	2.9	3.8	15.8
27	21	De Brett (Andre)	23½	24½	-½	0.4	1.7	12.0
189	131	Dealer	166	171	+1	5.7	3.4	..
57	40	Delmar	47	49	..	2.9	6.0	9.5
138	108	Dencora	113	118	-2	2.9	2.5	16.0
115	70	Densmans Elec	81	90	..	5.4	6.4	6.4
135	68	Dewey Warren	65	70	..	10.7e	15.7	4.6
285	128	Dolene	275	285	-3	4.3	1.5	15.3
483	345	Druck	465	480	..	6.3	1.3	22.6
23	18	Dunton	21½	23	+½	0.6	2.7	28.2
58	39	Eadie	44	47	..	2.5	5.4	14.2
148	104	Ealing Elect Optics	123	138	-2	3.1	2.5	21.9
37	11	Ecobric	18	20½	..	0.4e	2.0	14.9
325	238	Eden Fund	263	266	-4	9.3	3.5	15.6
41	22	Eden Oil & Gas	27	29	/	..	..	70.0
431	242	Eldridge Pope 'A'	423	430	..	9.6	2.2	19.7
148	108	Electron House	125	130	●	4.8	3.8	16.8
180	72	Electronic Data P	95	100	..	2.3	2.3	14.3
45	24	Ernest	39	41	..	..	..	4.5
18	6	Entertainment Prod	9	11	..	..	..	..
263	122	Equity	257	267	..	7.1	2.7	21.9
115	103	Eve Construction	112	117	+2	6.4	5.6	13.0
402	139	FII	395	425	..	..	..	..
380	151	FKB Gp	237	242	-3	3.6	1.5	25.7
161	138	F & H Group	135	140	..	..	..	..
90	51	Feedback	67	72	●	1.8	2.6	25.2
23½	17	Fernbrook	17	18½	+½	..	..	1.5

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132	93	Fields (Mrs)	115	120	..	..	..	..
73	51	Fletcher Dennys	54	58	+1	3.6	6.4	13.0
65	31	Flexitech	42	47	-2	..	..	7.9
310	100	Flogas	304	306	+2	25.6	8.7	..
60	30	Floyd Oil	38	42	-1	..	..	16.4
88	80	Ford & Weston	80	82	+2	..	..	9.8
240	138	French Conn	173	183	●	4.3	5.2	11.6
136	65	Freshbake	105	106	-3	7.5	4.2	8.0
362	210	Fuller Smith 'A'	345	355	..	2.9	2.7	18.2
160	94	Gabbicci	135	140	..	5.8	1.7	16.2
158	78	Gee (Cecil)	78	83	..	4.3	3.1	..
47	35	Gee/Rosen	44	47	..	3.7	4.6	13.9
97	72	Gibbon Lyons	92	97	●-1	2.4	5.2	15.5
249	100	Gibbs Mew	213	223	..	5.2	2.3	88.4
100	11	Gilbert House	78	83	+6	5.1	..	22.9
60	32	Global Gp	40	47	+1	..	..	..
168	67	Godwin Warren	86	90	..	3.9	8.1	7.5
155	88	Goodhead Print	148	153	..	3.1	3.5	12.5
135	85	Gould (Laurence)	138	140	-3	4.3	3.8	15.9
91	58	Granyte Surface	65	70	●..	3.3	3.0	10.8
167	155	Great Southern	158	161	-1	3.0	4.4	11.9
175	118	Green (Ernest)	170	180	+2	7.4	4.3	13.7
41	19	Greenwich Cable	35	38	-1	4.9	2.8	16.7
135	81½	Grosvenor Sq	127	132	..	..	..	..
190	160	Guernsey Atlantic	185	195	..	6.8	5.6	10.4
109	60	Halls Homes & Gdns	104	107	+1	3.5	1.8	55.9
98	59	Hampden Homecare	80	85	..	4.0	3.8	11.7
29	28	Harmony Leisure	28	28	..	2.1	2.5	13.3
320	133	Harvey & Thomp	310	320	+15	9.1	6.4	21.5
266	196	Havelock Europa	258	263	+1	8.6	2.7	21.8
47	26	Health Care	45	47	+1	5.7	2.2	24.4
462	383½	Hemdene	457	467	..	1.1	2.4	18.3
402	293½	Do 'A' LV	397	407	..	12.3	2.7	18.1
150	143½	Henderson Prime	140	150	..	12.3	3.1	15.8
415	155	High-Point	152	162	-3	2.5	1.6	19.4
205	45	Highland Part	68	83	-2	..	..	..
91	71	Hills Ergonom	70	75	●..	2.0	2.7	11.7
42½	7	Hobson	39	41½	●..	..	..	..
140	105	Hodgson	137	140	..	3.0	2.2	23.2
198	105	Holden Hydroman	185	195	●-2	4.6	2.4	24.1
158	115	Holmes Protection	111	114	●..	..	..	..
35	22	Hughes Food	31½	32½	+½	0.7	2.2	23.0
14	6½	Humbrol Elec	6	8	+1	0.4	5.3	7.5
188	115	Hunter Saphir	160	170	●	3.9	2.3	21.9
255	175	Huntleigh Tech	172	182	●..	2.1	1.2	21.4
230	152	INSTEM	169	170	..	3.8	2.2	14.2
31	11	Intec	14	17	-1	..	..	2.0
115	44	Intl Scot Energy	82	87	..	..	..	10.2
103	66	IntraRed	72	77	+2	..	..	..
353	190	Interrope Tech	265	275	●..	8.3	3.1	13.4
210	204	Interlink Express	204	207	+1	..	..	..
32	19½	Israel (Jack L)	25	30	..	0.7b	2.6	15.1
465	232	JS Pathology	460	470	+25	4.9	8.9	42.6
190	116	Jaques Vert	153	158	+1	7.9	4.8	14.7
26	..	Jelleons	6	8	..	..	..	6.2
148	102	Johnson & Jorg	115	120	●..	4.9	4.1	13.4
120	73	Johnsons Paints	105	108	+6	6.1b	5.8	11.6
98	45	Just Rubber	70	73	●+1	2.8	3.5	11.9
330	250	KLP	221	283	-2	4.7	1.8	14.8
32	82	Kent (John)	78	81	●-1	2.1	2.6	13.5
330	228	Kenyon Secs	315	325	..	14.9	4.7	16.5
83	53	Kewill Systems	53	58	..	1.7	2.8	15.6
113	58	Kiark-Tektrik	57	62	..	1.6	2.7	10.3
113	82	LPA Ind	84	90	●	3.9	4.4	8.7
113	70	Ladbor	75	80	..	4.1	5.3	9.7
125	70	Laidlaw Thomson	103	108	●	5.6	5.3	12.8
61½	32	Lasers Inv	56½	58	●	5.1	8.9	19.4
123	91	Lawmar	143	118	●-7	3.0	3.1	14.3
290	7½	Local Lon Gp	280	290	+5	5.0	1.8	32.0
133	73	Lodge Care	120	125	..	2.9	2.4	25.6
140	95	Lon & Clydesdale	112	117	-1	8.0	7.0	10.4
188	133	Leslie Elect	163	168	●..	3.6b	2.2	14.5
62	17	Lysander Pet	37	48	-1	..	..	..
113	77	MS Cash & Carry	107	112	..	5.1	4.6	..
327	180	MMT Comp	313	323	●-2	7.1	2.2	14.2
160	101	McLaughlin & Har	115	125	..	10.0	8.3	4.9
125	45	Magnetic Materials	70	74	..	2.7	3.7	18.1
125	82	Mallinson	112	117	●+2	1.4	1.2	38.1
95	71	Manna Dev	78	83	●..	..	..	..
176	92	Martin (Ronald)	152	157	●	4.7	3.0	38.9
35	9	Masonet	14	17	..	..	..	..
118	101	Mayfair City	112	117	-1	4.3	3.7	24.4
306	195	Meadow Farm	292	297	..	5.4	1.8	25.8
228	14	Media Tech	108	113	●+1	4.4	3.6	15.1
98	72	Mellerware	79	82	●-1	4.4	5.8	18.3
27	9	Memory Comp	18	21	+2	..	..	..
75	8	Memcom Intl Hldgs	15	20	+2	5.0	27.8	1.2
181	135	Mentmore-Swan	165	172	..	3.6	2.3	18.0
385	311	Merrydown Wine	380	387	●..	7.8	2.0	24.0
139	95	Metal Bulletin	115	125	+2	6.5	5.3	16.9
92	61	Michell (John)	82	86	●+2	3.7	4.4	15.9
730	380	Microfilm	370	390	●-5	4.7	1.3	32.8
220	95	Microlease	140	145	..	5.7	4.0	11.7
47	22	Microvitec	39	41	-1	1.8	4.5	17.5
460	231	Midsummer Inns	445	455	+5	5.7	1.3	17.4
165	162	Miller & Santhouse	160	165	-2	3.2	2.0	30.5
193	159	Millward Brown	157	162	●-1	3.2	2.0	34.9
220	130	Miss World	175	185	..	7.9	4.4	9.5
47	13	Minerva	..	..	..	..	..	..
157	98	Moorgate Gp	95	100	..	2.8	2.0	18.1
130	82	Morris & Cramer	120	124	-2	3.9	3.2	15.3
158	118	Monotype	130	133	..	6.3	4.8	..
57	25	Morley (RH)	51	54	+1	2.5	4.7	14.7
23½	15	Morris (William)	15½	16½	+½	..	..	6.4
115	82	Moss Advertising	92	97	+2	3.5	3.7	17.5
192	125	Mosbrain	183	190	●..	4.3	2.3	18.2
387	230	NMW Comp	227	235	●+1	8.6	3.7	12.8
21	6	New Ct Nat Res	12½	14	+1	..	..	3.6
5½	5½	Do Wnts	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	14	New England Props	21	24	..	..	..	11.4
90	70	Do 10%	70	80	●	..	..	..
75	68	Newage Trans	68	72	+1	5.0	7.0	8.0
21	8	Norsig	9	11	+2	..	..	..
150	91	Norank	124	127	-3	4.3	3.4	16.3
47	42	Norman	42	47	..	1.0	2.2	4.9
181	79	Norscot Hotels	175	180	..	3.6	2.0	19.5
48	14	Nth Sea & Gen	21	24	..	..	..	4.6
91	86	Northumbrian Fine	87	90	+1	2.4	2.7	22.8
73	25	Oakhill Inspec	27	32	..	2.9a	9.7	4.6

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37	18	Optometrics	17	22	..	..	..	..
310	190	Osborne & Little	298	303	+3	4.7	1.6	28.8
41½	23	Owners Abroad	38½	39	-½	2.1	5.4	11.0
143	85	PCT	118	120	+2	4.8	4.0	13.1
255	160	Pace Systems	168	178	+3	..	..	..
79	46	Pacific Sales	44	48	..	4.3	9.3	11.0
158	126	Panthemalis	125	130	●-1	5.3	4.1	11.7
222	83	Parkfield Gp	183	187	..	..	..	..
80	30	Paul M Lan	52	56	..	..	..	22.8
53	57	Pavion	19	21	..	..	..	3.6
170	80	Peek Group	160	165	-2	4.7	2.9	35.7
188	83	Pelcoms	154	159	..	3.3b	2.1	73.7
43	23	Perkins (J)	32	35	-1	1.7	5.0	8.3
131	101	Personal Computer	108	113	..	4.3	3.9	11.3
220	128	Peters (Michael)	143	148	●..	3.7	2.5	24.8
33	11	Petrogen	32	34	..	..	..	..
34	23½	Piccadilly Radio	32	32	..	2.9	9.4	10.6
135	24	Pict Pet	35	38	..	..	..	4.2
78	25	Pineapple	74	78	-2	..	..	..
72	25	Plasmac	66	69	..	1.0	1.5	8.4
201	125	Platon	160	165	..	4.5	2.5	13.3
122	98	Plum Hldgs	110	112	-1	4.3	3.9	16.4
245	168	Polytech Marine	95	105	..	..	..	..
158	85	Powerline	100	105	●-2	2.9	3.0	13.2
143	75	Prestigenet	100	105	-3	3.9	3.5	11.6
133	128	Quarto	124	128	..	4.5	3.8	12.9
308	158	Questel	222	225	..	6.3	2.8	15.2
165	80	Radamec	98	103	..	..	..	..
43	28	Radio City 'A'	37	40	+1	..	..	7.6
52	43	Radio Clyde	38	42	-2	4.6	8.5	17.5
105	90	Radiex	103	108	..	1.4	1.3	16.9
45	13	Ranco Oil	18	19	..	..	..	4.4
115	90	Ranest	100	105	+3	7.7	7.5	8.9
64	32	Rankworth	53	58	●-3	0.4	0.7	82.4
50	40	Real Time Control	48	53	..	2.9	5.7	14.7
32	14	Reliant Motor	22	24	+4	..	..	19.7
180	70	Rivlin	110	115	..	0.1	0.1	..
96	7	Rockwood	65	80	+2	..	..	..
107	63	Rolfe & Nolan	93	98	..	2.9	2.9	43.5
121	90	Rotunda	97	102	+2	4.3	4.3	12.1
118	101	Ryman	115	118	..	..	..	..
151	79	SAC	148	151	●..	2.9	1.9	18.4
126	62	Sanders Photo	72	77	●+4	3.2	4.3	21.7
35	18	Sapphire Pet	17	20	..	..	..	2.5
135	104	Savage	124	128	-1	4.3	3.4	16.1
135	95	Scanro	97	102	●..	5.7	5.7	8.2
185	128	Scot Heritable	145	147	..	4.6	3.2	12.7
145	71	Securiguard	132	137	..	3.9	3.9	25.0
26	7	SelectTV	15	16½	..	..	..	..
255	235½	Shaw Drug Strs	220	250	●..	3.4	1.4	21.1
58	38½	Sheldon Jones	82	87	●..	6.8	7.8	9.9
280	188	Sherwood Comp	235	245	+5	4.6	1.9	28.9
188	145	Shield	180	190	+5	2.9	1.6	30.8
101	50	Sigmex	55	60	+2	0.8	1.4	20.4
173	118	Sims Catering	115	125	●..	5.7	4.8	14.7
187	112	Sinclair (William)	180	190	●..	7.3	3.9	15.5
235	165	Smallbone	180	185	●..	5.1	2.6	18.0
179	168	Snowdon Bridge	175	182	●..	4.3b	2.4	21.0
42	33	Soundtracks	..	40	..	3.7	4.0	12.5
168	113	Stiff Bus	165	167	+1	4.2	2.6	9.8
31	11	SW Resources	13	15	..	..	..	5.8
138	93	Space Planning	102	108	..	2.6	2.5	28.0
88	78	Spectra Auto	67	72	●..	3.7	3.3	11.0
44	11	Spectrum	6	8	..	..	..	2.8
111	68	Spice	93½	98½	+3	4.8	4.2	14.5
71	48	Sololo	57	62	..	4.7	7.8	9.8
220	165	Stainless Metal	197	202	+2	6.0	3.0	20.6
138	93	Sterling Pub	94	97	..	2.9b	3.0	21.4
38½	17½	Sunleigh Elect	29	31	●+1	6.2	8.7	61.2
180	58	Swithland (ET)	60	65	-5	4.8	7.8	19.9
133	89	Swindon Pr Hosp	90	130	..	..	..	33.5
285	175	Syncron Comp	260	263	+2	8.1	1.2	21.5
258	150	T & S Stores	240	250	+2	4.6	1.9	26.2
128	80	TDS Circuits	117	122	-1	2.9e	2.4	5.2
134	71	TMD Advert	118	122	-1	8.9	2.4	15.6
115	68	TSB Chan Islands	92	97	+1	..	..	..
120	108	Task Force	108	112	..	2.5	2.3	16.2
245	180	Tay Homes	222	227	..	7.5	3.3	16.5
146	55	Tech For Bus	70	80	-7	7.7	10.3	7.5
365	194	Tech Comp	295	305	-2	4.6	1.5	40.4
155	115	Telecomputing	180	190	+17	2.1	1.1	17.7
183	48½	Tel Serv Int	68	69	●-3½	3.1	4.5	22.0
145	75	Themeta	131	136	-1	7.1	5.3	14.5
272½	180	Thermo Scientific	222	227	●..	3.9	1.7	20.3
233	185	Thorpac	213	223	●..	3.9	1.7	32.5
36	17	Tinsley (Eliza)	28	33	..	4.1	8.3	8.5
153	108	Tod (Neil J)	143	148	..	4.7	3.2	19.5
53	28	Townsgate Sec	33	36	..	1.5e	4.4	28.1
198	136	Trade Promotion	175	180	..	6.2	3.5	16.7
560	270	Trencherwood	480	495	..	7.5	1.6	23.3
173	60	Triton	80	84	..	1.8	2.0	17.4
280	140	Tyne Tees 'A'	247	250	-1	19.5	7.8	8.4
133	43	Utd Ceramic	115	130	●+10	5.4	4.4	20.7
555	420	Utd Friendly	550	560	..	26.8	4.7	..
213	93	Utd Packaging	108	113	..	4.6	4.1	8.4
538	280	Utd Tst Credit	515	525	●+10	20.0	3.8	..
132	91	Usher (Frank)	94	98	●..	6.4	6.7	11.5
100	35	Viewplan	58	63	●+1	1.8	3.0	25.4
88	53	Wayne Kerr	68	70	..	2.3	3.3	7.7
130	75	Webber Electro	105	110	●	3.7	3.1	13.2
19½	14	Wellco	18½	19½	..	0.4	2.1	13.8
98	51	West Yorkshire	93	98	●-2	5.7	5.9	13.0
166	164	Whitney Mackay	160	165	+1	9.7	3.4	13.0
197	150	Wickes	182	187	●+2	3.6	1.9	22.5
12½	8½	Williams Syst	10½	10½	-½	..	..	47.7
27½	16½	William (Rex) Hldgs	18½	19½	..	1.3	6.8	15.3
463½	53	Wingate	330	340	●	2.7	0.8	51.5
90	34	Wolf	32	35	..	1.1	3.2	30.4
94	83	Worldsonic Better	88	92	..	..	..	..
254	151	Worcester	285	288	●..	7.9	3.0	27.5
215	145	Wild of Leather	145	150	+3	3.6	2.4	15.9
96	63	Wyko	64	66	..	3.7	5.7	9.8
4	4	Xyllyx	..	..	..	..	..	..
158	138	Yellowhammer	140	145	..	2.3	1.6	20.9
38	29	Yelverton	32	36	+2	..	..	..
97	30	York Mount	58	61	●+1	2.4	4.1	27.3
63	39	Yorks Tst Gp	56	61	..	..	..	..
104½	75	Do 8%	100	..	..	8.0	8.0	..
81	15	Zygal Dynamics	47	52	+2	0.7	1.4	6.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
139	108½	Alsa	128	130	+1	3.6	2.8	23.2
859	653	Alliance	853	857	-1	31.8	3.7	40.9
152	124	Amer Trust	150	152	-1	4.4	2.9	42.1
404	333	Ang Amer Sec	390	394	-2	8.9	2.3	61.7
119	94	Atlantic Assets	111	112	-½	0.9	0.8	85.1
139	110	Bankers	135	138	..	3.9b	2.8	51.5
283	159	Berry	281	285	●+1	1.6	0.6	..
65½	53½	Br Assets	64	65	●-½	2.9	4.5	29.5
58	33	Br Empire Sec	37	38	..	0.9	2.4	85.2
473	388	Br Inv	468	473	●+1	22.6	4.8	30.2
105	90	Bramar	104	106	..	3.3	3.1	48.6
855	645	Contl & Ind	780	820	..	31.4	3.9	34.7
250	178	Crescent Japan	235	237	+4	8.5	0.2	..
157	135	Derby Inc	146	149	+1	12.8	8.6	17.7
154	128	Do Cap	152	158	..	..	..	..
371	318	Drayton Cons	368	370	●+1	15.4	4.2	34.2
205	151	Drayton Far East	203	206	+1	1.6	0.8	..
772	421	Drayton Japan	673	675	+6	1.4e	0.2	..
217	185	Dunedin Lon	213	218	..	8.6	4.0	35.6
117	98	Edin Amer Asset	111	113	..	0.8	0.8	87.5
162	136	Edinburgh	156	158	-1	5.3b	3.4	46.2
423	323	Electric Gen	420	425	+2	6.4	1.5	70.8
172	146	English Int	170	174	●+4	5.5	3.2	48.0
105	85	English Scot	102	104	..	2.0	1.9	62.4
80	80	Ensign	72	75	●+1	1.3	1.8	69.2
127	103	F & C Alliance	126	128	+1	2.7	2.1	66.8
229	142	F & C Pacific	227	230	●+7	2.1	0.9	98.4
13½	8½	First Charlotte	13½	14	+½	0.1	0.7	..
348	287	First Scot Amer	334	337	-2	15.0	4.5	32.2
571	480	Fleming American	567	570	-2	8.2	1.4	93.3
189	145	Fleming Claver	186	189	..	7.4	2.7	38.1
345	303	Fleming Enterprise	315½	320½	+3	12.9	4.1	35.7
148	84½	Fleming Far East	147	148	●+½	1.4	0.9	..
140	108	Fleming Fledgling	138	141	●+1	3.8	2.8	54.1
749	478	Fleming Japan	747	750	●+11	4.9	0.7	..
174	123	Fleming Mercantile	171	173	..	5.5	3.2	44.4
174	123	Fleming Overseas	171	173	-2	3.9	2.3	85.1
162	140	Fleming Tech	156	159	..	3.3	2.1	..
152	107	Fleming Universal	149	152	..	2.1b	1.4	73.7
106	88	For Col	105	108	-½	2.4b	2.3	71.3
109	88	GBC Capital	108	112	●+1	..	..	..
237	118	GT Japan	235	238	+6	2.8	0.8	..
210	138	General Funds	208	212	..	2.9	1.4	..
330	275	General Cons	322	325	+2	17.9b	5.5	28.4
185	115	Glasgow Stock	182	185	..	3.4	2.1	68.9
128	97	Globe	126	127	●-1	5.3	4.2	32.5
158	127	Govett Atlantic	154	156	●-2	4.3b	2.8	48.3
264	138	Govett Oriental	262	265	+2	3.3	1.3	..
289	215	Govett Strategy	267	270	●	5.4	2.0	67.1

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
453	244	Greenfriar	440	447	..	2.4	0.5	..
325	215	Gresham House	220	310	●..	8.4	2.6	32.3
215	136	Hambros	211	212	●-½	6.4	3.0	46.7
108	104	India Fund	105	110	..	..	..	..
850	540	Invest in Success	842	852	+7	8.2	1.0	..
284	244	Inv Cap	278	280	●-1	17.1b	6.1	28.1
165	132	Ivory & Sime	156	163	●+3	7.1	4.4	22.1
67	45	Jersey Assets	66½	67½	●+1½	0.7	1.0	..
118	91	Kleinwort Charter	106	110	..	3.5	3.2	47.0
459	119	Kleinwort O'seas	157	160	..	3.6	2.3	..
307	237	Kleinwort Smaller	302	312	+7	12.0	3.9	..
282	168	Law Debenture	259	262	+1	9.8	3.4	31.6
72	56	Lon Merchant Sec	65	67	..	3.6	5.5	13.4
71	55	Lon Trust	58½	59	+½	1.1e	1.9	83.2
131	102	Merchants	130	132	..	6.4b	4.9	34.6
38½	27½	Merrill Lynch	27½	..	-½	..	..	..
240	161	Monks	238	240	-1	3.7b	1.5	90.2
167	128	Murray Income	164	165	●-1½	8.6b	5.2	30.5
182	137	Murray Intl	180	181	-½	7.1n	3.9	35.4
395	215	Murray Small	380	385	●..	4.8	1.0	..
436	158	Murray Venture	226	230	s+1	7.1b	3.1	51.9
471	414	New Court	467	472	●+2	22.5	4.8	27.7
67	48	New Darien Oil	66	67	+½	0.9e	1.4	73.1
243	156	1928	240	245	+3	5.7	2.3	47.3
65	50½	Nrthrng Inc 83	63	64½	●+½	4.8b	7.5	18.1
271	185	New Tokyo	256	258	+2	1.1e	0.4	..
364	276	Nth Atlantic Sec	362	365	●+1	4.8	1.3	..
81	30	Nth Sea Assets	24	27	..	..	..	7.7
415	279	Nthn Amer	412	414	●-1	7.7	1.9	..
223	145	Outwich	218	223	●-1	8.4	2.9	56.8
114	85	Pacific Assets	113	114	+½	1.0	0.9	..
50	26	Do Wnts	48	50	+1	..	..	..
42	35	Personal Assets	40	41½	+1	9.5	1.2	..
446	358	Raeburn	443	448	..	17.1	3.8	45.2
194	147	River & Merc	192	195	..	8.8b	4.4	35.7
288	216	River Plate	285	290	..	12.4	4.3	33.4
297	207	Robeco	294	..	-1	..	..	..
264	181	Rolinco	262	..	..	..	..	..
383	287	Romney	378	380	..	7.1	1.9	58.3
15¾	11½	Rorento	15¾	..	-½	..	..	..
159	115	St Andrews	156	159	-1	4.6b	2.9	53.7
414	297	Scottish	407	412	-1	9.4	2.3	62.6
85½	68	Scot American	84	86	●..	2.6b	3.1	35.5
129½	88	Scot Eastern	127	129	-1	2.9	2.3	67.0
100	78	Scot Merc 'A'	95	98	..	..	..	..
574	402	Scot Mige	567	572	-1	12.8	2.2	61.5
328	245	Scot Nat	325	328	●+1	7.6	2.3	54.9
757	578	Second Alliance	750	756	..	26.4	3.5	37.1
95	68	Secs Tst of Scotland	94½	95	-½	4.3b	4.5	34.8

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
85½	67	Smaller Cos	83½	85	-½	2.0	2.4	59.1
117	81	TR Australia	111	113	●..	3.3	2.9	33.4
61½	48	TR City Of Lon Dfd	60	67	-1	3.1b	5.1	28.4
111½	77½	TR Ind & Gen	110½	111½	s-½	2.9b	2.6	48.1
148	100½	TR Natural Res	137	140	●-1	5.9	4.2	28.8
103	89	TR North America	102	104	●+1	2.6b	2.5	52.3
200	116	TR Pacific Basin	198	201	+2	1.4	0.7	..
72	46½	TR Property	70	72	●..	1.9	2.7	47.3
118	99	TR Tech	117	118	●-½	2.6	2.2	55.4
186	139	TR Trustees	184	187	+1	6.0	3.2	41.3
169	135	Temple Bar	162	164	-1	8.1b	5.0	28.5
311	237	Throgmorton	307	310	-1	11.9b	3.9	37.0
350	278	Throg Secured Cap	250	280	..	..	..	..
226	157½	Trans Oceanic	222	227	+1	6.1	2.7	48.9
157	112	Tribune	155	158	..	4.8	2.5	45.0
95	79	Triplevest Inc	84½	85½	●..	17.1	20.1	7.7
338	217	US Debenture	325	330	+2	9.3	2.8	65.7
51	35	Value Inc Tst	39	41	●..	1.8b	4.5	..
62	33	Wang Resources	40½	41½	●-½	2.9	7.1	20.2
74	53	Westpool	62	64	●..	2.3	3.7	31.0
115½	80½	Witan	114	115	-1	2.6b	2.3	85.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
47	34½	American Express	42	..	-½	..	..	..
85	42	Argyle	83	85	+3	1.4	1.6	45.5
38	21	Boustead	28	29	+1	..	..	75.7
154	120	Britannia Arrow	144	145	●+1½	6.0	4.2	16.9
24	15½	Daily Mail	23	24	..	70.0	3.0	16.8
20½	15½	Do 'A'	20	20½	..	70.0	3.5	14.3
158½	137	Electra	156	158	●	5.9	3.8	36.3
179	95	Eng Trust	177	180	..	4.3	2.4	19.6
278	187	Exco	265	287	-1	7.1	2.7	17.1
113	88	Exploration	110	115	●..	3.3	2.9	14.8
773	375	Framlington	760	775	..	12.9	1.7	20.1
118	81	Frost Gp	110	115	●	7.1	6.3	12.2
223	183	GT Management	195	200	●..	4.3	2.2	14.9
188	75	Goode (D & M)	193	198	+1	2.5	1.3	54.9
10½	490	Henderson Admin	9¾	10	..	22.1	2.2	19.6
218	153	ICH	200	202	●	12.9	6.4	8.9
448	320	MAI	430	435	..	25.0	5.8	9.2
305	190	M & G	270	275	..	6.1	2.2	33.2
392	252	Mercantile House	325	328	-3	20.0	6.1	6.2
138½	86	Pacific Inv Tst	137	139	+1	0.5	0.4	..
45	19	Do Warrants	44	45½	+1½	..	..	..
208	152	Smith New Court	155	158	●..	10.0	6.4	7.7

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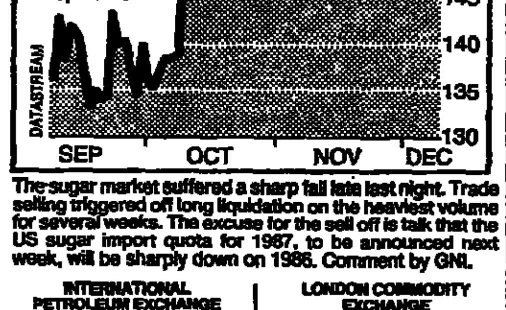

The sugar market suffered a sharp fall late last night. Trade selling triggered off long liquidation on the heaviest volume for several weeks. The excuse for the sell off is talk that the US sugar import quota for 1987, to be announced next week, will be sharply down on 1986. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Dec	unq.
Jan	75.0-78.0
Feb	74.0-unq.
Mar	73.0-unq.
Vol	14

GAS OIL

Dec	unq.LT116.00
Jan	123.50-23.25
Feb	127.00-26.75
Mar	126.25-25.75
Apr	123.50-22.50
May	120.00-18.00
Jun	120.00-18.50
Jul	120.00-18.50
Aug	122.00-18.00
Vol	5296

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	147.8-47.4
May	151.6-51.4
Aug	155.6-54.4
Oct	158.4-58.2
Dec	162.4-61.6
Mar	172.0-71.2
Vol	2612

COCOA

Dec	1394-93
Mar	1439-37
May	1465-64
Jul	1488-86
Sep	1512-11
Dec	1541-38
Mar	1568-64
Vol	1886

COFFEE

Jan	1953-950
Mar	1820-818
May	1825-820
Jul	1850-840
Sep	1900-880
Nov	1910-880
Jan	1920-880
Vol	3978

SOYABEAN

Dec	LT127.0
Feb	130.5-30.0
Apr	130.8-30.0
Jun	127.4-27.0
Aug	126.5-26.0
Oct	128.5-27.0
Dec	130.5-28.5
Vol	61

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	926.50-927.00
Three Months	947.50-948.00
Vol	7000
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	895.00-898.00
Three Months	924.00-927.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	362.00-364.00
Three Months	325.00-325.50
Vol	3025
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	538.00-539.00
Three Months	536.00-537.00
Vol	100
Tone	Quiet

SILVER LARGE

Cash	377.00-379.00
Three Months	387.00-389.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	377.00-379.00
Three Months	387.00-389.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	799.00-800.00
Three Months	808.50-809.00
Vol	750
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	2525-2530
Three Months	2586-2587
Vol	480
Tone	Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 10

GB: Cattle, 96.90p per kg lw (+3.40)
GB: Sheep 215.78p per kg* (+15.21)
GB: Pigs, 75.62p per kg lw (+1.53)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up3.4 %, ave. price, 97.88p(+4.23)
Sheep nos. up5.9 %, ave. price, 217.02p(+15.53)
Pig nos. up17.9 %, ave. price, 75.62p(+1.53).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up14.4 %, ave. price, 93.89p(+0.75)
Sheep nos. up5.6 %, ave. price, 205.54p(+12.63)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	95.00	95.30
Apr	unq.	95.50
Jun	95.50	95.80
Aug	unq.	95.00
		Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	96.00	97.00
Apr	101.50	101.50
Jun	98.00	100.00
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	109.95	111.80
Mar	113.10	114.20
May	115.25	115.20
Jul	117.05	unq.
Sep	101.45	100.70
Nov	103.65	103.80

Vol: Wheat 276
Barley 77

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	109.00	109.00
Apr	160.50	159.20
May	178.80	177.80
Nov	87.50	87.50
		Vol: 230

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	693.0-680.0	685.0
Apr 87	717.0-707.0	717.0
Jul 87	622.0-616.0	622.0
Oct 87	725.0-715.0	725.0

Vol: 209 lots Open intst: 1886
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
708.0 down 1.0 on 9/12/86

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THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

December 11, 1986

Potential and skills are equally important in the recruitment of graduates, says Geoff Unwin

Employers offering careers in information technology are diverse in character and need. They range from the data-processing departments of commercial organizations to defence technology specialists, from hardware manufacturers to training companies. Within such a broad spectrum, it is reasonable to suppose that room exists for a multiplicity of talents and personalities.

Yet when it comes to choosing the graduate intake – those to be groomed as future leaders of our industry – too often the aim is to recruit from one very narrow band of intellects and skills. As a man who has never touched a computer in his life, I must believe that this policy is wrong.

It is at the recruitment stage – before the business of information technology has been learned – that we can most afford to hire an overall potential rather than an existing limited level of expertise. We must cast the net wider and encourage able, non-computing graduates to bring their ideas and approaches to our business. Only in this way is it possible to breed the level of balance within an IT company necessary for it to serve its markets and satisfy its operational requirements and its environmental needs.

On the Hoskyns Group's 20th anniversary, we ran an advertising campaign based on the theme, "Our People Are Our Success". It is still true today. As a computer services company, our major products, or representation of our products, are people. We must be able to deal and communicate with a wide range of clients and their employees, from stockbrokers to freight hauliers, from shopfloor to boardroom.

Providing beneficial, practical business solutions is as much about understanding people and their business as it is about understanding technology. And as the application of technology becomes ever more pervasive, so the need for interpersonal and interpretive skills becomes more important.

As a computer services organization, we need to offer this mix of skills. At a graduate-entry level, we must seek to ensure a broad base of intake to satisfy this need.

People are hired not only for their abilities to make an immediate contribution to the business but also for their long-term potential. Graduates, for example, all go through the same basic training. We do, however, also look to them to develop in order to satisfy future staff needs. We need to be able to support not only technical requirements but also those of other functions: sales, marketing, production, for example.

To recruit only computer scientists, who by their degree have generally indicated a desire to pursue a technological career, would not help to support our long-term needs. It is important to draw on capable graduates of all disciplines and provide them with a business career in the technology sector. The continuing growth of the industry and the organizations within it demands a constant input of new ideas and approaches.

Creativity is all about looking at things from different perspectives. We believe that our policy of ensuring a mixed graduate intake contributes to the creative process and helps to maintain our competitive edge. We also believe it generates a livelier and more interesting worker environment.

At a time when the skills shortage makes the recruitment of quality staff at all levels a difficult proposition, it falls to the industry to see what it can do to alleviate these problems. Simply competing for computer science graduate output does nothing to help medium-term and long-term staffing problems. Nor does it help to develop the stock of talent available in the industry.

In no way would I underestimate the value of those with technological qualifications, both to my own company and to IT in general. Although they will remain the prime source of graduate talent, they should not remain the only one.

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Geoff Unwin is managing director of Hoskyns Group, the computer services company that is planning a full listing on the London Stock Exchange next week

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The testing times that lie ahead

Tests for personality and intelligence are an increasingly popular employer's tool when assessing a candidate's ability. Miranda Hughes in the second of a two-part series

Employers today often use personality and intelligence tests to assess potential candidates. These tests have been devised to give an objective and quantitative assessment. They contain absolutely no magic (despite the fact that they are known by the awe-inspiring term 'psychometric tests').

If you are confronted with such a test, the best strategy is to take a deep breath and to work through the questions *quickly and honestly.*

Personality tests are designed to assess people on qualities such as leadership, social responsibility and orderliness. The most widely used test is Cattell's 16PF, which measures 16 "personality factors".

It has been developed in the US over the past 30 years, and its accuracy has been validated with several groups of

A deep breath and a quick, truthful reply is called for

people in the UK. Of all the tests in use, this one is probably the most academically respectable, but you may come across other tests such as Myers-Briggs, d.i.s.c., and OPQ.

Most tests require you to respond to statements such as "authority should generally be respected" or, "I always reply to letters on the day I receive them". Sometimes you may be asked to pick one of four words which best describe how you see yourself.

For example, you could choose one of authoritarian, friendly easy-going, God-fearing; from the same set, you would then be asked to choose the word which best describes how others see you.

Statistical analysis of how people answer these types of questions has enabled psychologists to identify specific personality traits on which individuals may achieve a range of scores.

For instance, person A may be low on extraversion, a little above average on general anxiety and high on social responsibility (possibly an accountant or a vicar); whereas person B may be the exact converse — highly extrovert, not particularly anxious about life, and not desperate to conform to social norms (possibly an actor, although he too could be a vicar).

It is important to recognize that there are no "right" or "wrong" answers in personality tests so honesty is the best policy. As yet, no one has been able to define ideal personality profiles for particular jobs, so these tests are purely descriptive.

Indeed, none of these tests can guarantee to give a wholly accurate picture of an individual, and no self-respecting firm would ever use them to reject (or accept) a candidate without an interview.

If you complete such a test, employers should be prepared to discuss the results with you. Sometimes you will find the results surprising, and you should be prepared to point out how you believe they fail to describe you accurately. In the ideal professional assessment, a psychologist will have administered and scored the test and will be able to respond to your criticism.

In summary, personality tests are not infallible; they should not be used by unqualified personnel but prefereably by psychologists, and they should upset no one. And remember, if you don't like the way they describe you there are two alternatives — either the test is a dud, or you can start working out how to change yourself for the better.

Intelligence tests are a rather different matter, they are designed to test the level of an individual's basic ability, and can be used to identify individuals who might be unsuited to professional careers.

Most such tests distinguish three aspects of intelligence: verbal ability, numerical ability and the ability to deal with spatial concepts. For example, some verbal items may test your ability to develop a logical argument from a set of written premises, whereas spatial items may test your ability to deal with such *concepts as image rotation and* representation.

Recent tests have been developed with reference to particular sets of skills, so GMA (Graduate and Managerial Assessment) looks at verbal skills in terms of ability to work with management information, and numerical skills in terms of the ability to interpret (and use) information from tales and graphs.

There are many reasons why people fail to do themselves justice on these tests, some of which can be overcome simply by being adequately prepared. There are several books available (of the test your own IQ genre) which contain the sort of questions used in tests, and these can be used to gain *familiarity* and confidence.

As with personality tests, intelligence tests should never be administered or scored by untrained personnel. Qualified psychologists know how the tests are constructed, and their interpretation of data makes use of this knowledge and recognizes the limitations of the tests.

In particular, there are some common misconceptions about intelligence tests which make their use by the untrained, potentially dangerous. There are two important issues which are worth mentioning here.

First, intelligence is dynamic — people can become more intelligent by using their skills, or less intelligent by allowing

An objective analysis of strengths and weaknesses

their skills to atrophy through disuse. Second, intelligence tests are not "culture free" — they should not be used to compare individuals from significantly different cultural backgrounds.

Psychometric testing can, and does, provide useful measurement tools for employers, and prospective employees need not be intimidated by them.

In the past, testing has been successfully used to provide information on senior executives in firms which have been recently taken-over, thereby enabling new management to have an objective analysis of their employees' strengths and weaknesses.

It is also highly appropriate in the selection of senior executives for positions which require certain personality characteristics, such as the ability to withstand stress, push through unpalatable decisions, or create a new strategic direction for the business.

At the other end of the scale it has been used for prospective entrants to a Youth Training Scheme. Employers using these tests are paving the way to improved selection methods. While the tests may not yet be perfect, they are a step in the right direction for achieving the best employee-employer match.

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The Times' seasonal good fishing tackle guide: a question of what to buy, and then what to use it for

Tackling the ghost of Christmas presents: A buyer's guide to fishing

*Choosing fishing tackle presents a bewildering minefield for those outside the pastime. **John Holden**, fishing columnist, author of 20 books on the subject covering sea and fresh water, and occasional tackle-designer, clarifies some of the mysteries.*

Nobody knows exactly how many fishermen there are in Britain, or how much they spend. Conservative estimates suggest that fly, coarse and sea fishing combined attract at least two million regular participants, and continue to expand despite vitriolic pressure from the anti-bloodsport and ecology lobbies.

Sales of fishing tackle alone comfortably exceed £50 million a year; travel, bait, licences, accommodation and club fees probably boost the total beyond £150 million. On the personal level, expenditure ranges from less than £25 a year for the holiday angler to over £5,000 for highly-competitive match fishermen on the national and European circuits.

Fishing today, whether fly, coarse or saltwater, thrives on innovation and, more than anglers care to admit, on a leavening of sheer gimmickry. A perfectly competent rod, reel, line and accessories for any branch of the sport can be bought for less than £75. The enthusiast owns at least £1,000 worth of tackle, and thinks nothing of spending £120 on a carbon fibre rod. Advancing into the realms of Space Age materials and highly specialised equipment for match, carp and pike fishing (the Big Three of the coarse fishing scene), you can spend a fortune on electronic bite detectors, clothing, nets, and even computerized reels that measure how far you cast. The most expensive rods – 35-foot-long sectioned poles of carbon fibre – cost over £600 each.

The ultimate cruisers cost over £250,000

Beach fishing tackle is geared to long-range casting performance: powerful carbon fibre rods and highly-tuned reels that can throw a five-ounce lead weight almost 300 yards.

And for the well-heeled boat fisherman who is bored with North Sea cod, why not his own boat for those marlin fishing trips to New Zealand and Brazil? The ultimate in 50ft, twin turbo-Diesel cruisers costs more than £250,000, plus around £50,000 for radios, electronic fish-finders, radar, satellite navigation system and assorted extras.

Times being hard, the boatyard will certainly toss in a couple of free big-game rods and reels at £1,000 a pair, just to sweeten the deal. The good news is that a bucket of fresh mullet bait still leaves change out of a dollar at any fish market south of the Azores.

Fishing in Britain divides into five main categories, each with a unique blend of tackle, tactics and reward.

Choosing a gift can so easily end in disaster

Fly-fishing is split between the increasingly exclusive – because it is a shrinking natural resource – world of wild sea trout, salmon and brown trout in streams and rivers, and the wealth of reservoir and still-water fishing for stocked brown and rainbow trout available throughout the country at £10-15 a day. A season ticket for a local water would make an ideal Christmas present.

Serious coarse anglers specialise in match-fishing or specimen-hunting – chasing big pike, carp, tench and other freshwater species deemed worthy of the time and effort. The obvious division in saltwater is between beach and boat, with the former more popular – and accessible – by far.

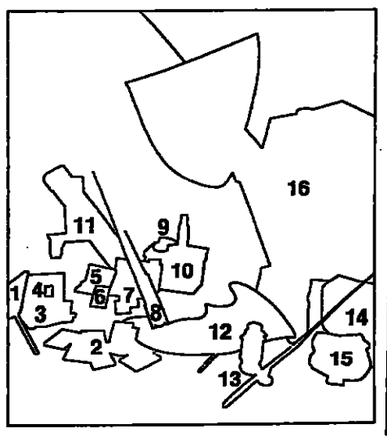
The scope and diversity of fishing means that choosing a Christmas gift for your favourite angler can so easily end in disaster. The social barriers of fishing may have tumbled, but the battle lines of pride and preference remain clearly drawn. A maggot-box for a salmon fisherman or a multiplier reel to the coarse matchman is the piscatorial equivalent of waving a red rag at a bull.

Making the distinction between coarse, fly and sea fishing is a vital prelude to a successful shopping spree. The items here are specially selected for their angler appeal and price range, and are state-of-the-art in quality and design. All good fishing tackle shops – every town has at least one – should stock them, or something virtually identical.

Don't be afraid to ask for advice. If in doubt, play safe with gloves, scissors or a gift token. Hooks, weights, floats and throw-away items known collectively as "terminal tackle" seem to get used up at an alarming rate, and are always welcome.

This winter's state-of-the-art tackle, guaranteed to hook a wide range of Christmas fishermen

1. Solvikronen folding landing net, £17.95. A welcome gift for any trout fisherman.
2. The best fishing books of 1986: *Carp Fever* by Kevin Maddocks (Beekay, £10.95); *Carp: Quest for a Queen* by Bailey and Page (Crowood Press, £15.95); *Robson's Guide to Stillwater Trout Flies* by Kenneth Robson (Beekay, £16.95); *Fly Fishing for Salmon and Sea Trout* by Arthur Oglesby (Crowood Press, £16.95); *Big Pike* by Barrie Rickards (A&C Black, £9.95); *Tench* by Len Head (Crowood Press, £15.95); *In Pursuit of Carp and Catfish* by Kevin Maddocks (Beekay, £15.95); *Casting at the Sun* by Chris Yates (Pelham Books, £12.95).
3. A vast range of lures, lead-free weights, hooks and floats is available at any tackle shop from 50 pence. The Stewart tackle box, £4.10, is partitioned and waterproof. Genuine Swiss Army knife by Wenger at £21.00.
4. Electronic bite indicators for the specimen hunter. Optonic with volume control, £39.95. Delkim Optonic Conversion with volume control and LEDs, £42.00.
5. The most desirable Christmas gift of the year. Hardy Golden Prince salmon reels in mahogany presentation case. Limited edition. £189.75.
6. Fly-fishing lines are a good choice provided that you know the weight and taper required. Masterline Revolution at £16.75 offers good performance at modest cost. The Cortland 444 at £31.95 is regarded as one of the world's best lines. Double-sided dry fly box by Wheatley is a status symbol among trout fishermen. £42.95.
7. Fly-tying kits must be chosen to suit local fishing preferences, so specialist advice is essential. Complete outfits for reservoir, salmon and dry fly trout fishing by Simpson's of Turnford from £60. Individual items from £1. Lever-action fly-tying vice, £19.95.
8. Bruce & Walker Hexagraph 15ft fly rod blends Space Age carbon fibre with traditional-built cane construction. £290. Simpson's hand built 9½ft reservoir rod is excellent value at £93.99. The reel is a Hardy Marquis 7. £42.35.
9. Mitchell fixed-spool reels are renowned for engineering quality. Model 300S for coarse fishing and spinning, £35.50. Model 486 at £39.95 for beach fishing.
10. Aladdin stainless steel unbreakable vacuum flask. £27.99 with five-year guarantee. Large capacity Shakespeare coarse tackle box, £39.95.
11. Strong but light, the Steadefast Team England rod holdall costs just £29.42. The Karry Kart carries the largest of tackle boxes. £29.95.
12. Canoe Breakaway soft-mesh keepnet for the coarse match fisherman. By Steadefast at £32.95 for the 11½-foot version.
13. The Hipolito automatic pressure lantern with suit the beach fisherman who likes to stay out all night. £45.95. And for the boat angler, the Mitchell 624 multiplying reel at £44.50, and the Shakespeare Century rod at £44.99.
14. The Kevin Nash Rucksack is spacious enough for the specimen hunter. £55.00.
15. Avon scales at £26.95; Hardy Carryall canvas bag, £40.85.
16. Barbour Border waxed cotton coat. Stylish, warm and waterproof. £74.45. Matching hat and wellington boots, £11.40 and £22.50. Hardy sweatshirt, £11.45. Simpson's custom-built Maddocks carp rod, £92.60. Shimano Baitrunner 3500 reel, £59.95. Balcomb soft-mesh landing net will swallow a giant carp or pike with ease, £33.79. 50-inch Nubrolli, £33.95. Kevin Maddocks low chair with adjustable feet, £34.95.
● Tackle supplied by Simpson's of Turnford, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.



BOXING

Witherspoon tries his luck on the money round

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, New York

If "Bonecrusher" Smith could not believe his luck when Don King, the promoter, asked him last Thursday to take on Tim Witherspoon, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, as Tony Tubbs had withdrawn from the World heavyweight title unification series, he must have thought Christmas had come early when he learnt yesterday of the money row between Witherspoon and King, his manager. The champion was fuming. According to him, Don King was going around telling people Smith would beat him.

King countered: "He's done this before to get more money. I had an idea he might do it again now he has this smartass lawyer and got the wrinkles out of his belly."

None of this would do Witherspoon any good on the night – if there is a night, the Bone was thinking. If Witherspoon stays smart, the show must go on for the really big money is in the next round when the winner of this bout meets Mike Tyson. But Witherspoon admitted: "I am mentally drained. This has put a couple of years on my career."

The big challenger from North Carolina clenched his fist and said: "I am going to put my best punch on him, get him in trouble and dig him out. I owe him some."

It did not matter now that Witherspoon had beaten him last year. "I was on a losing streak then. I am on a winning streak now," Smith said reciting the names of his last three victims: Mike Weaver, Jesse Ferguson and David Bey.

Bonecrusher's manager, Alan Kornberg, who spent 48 hectic hours talking terms with King, said: "Witherspoon is going to see another Bonecrusher. He is the only heavyweight moving up in all three world rankings. He has not fought anybody outside the top 20 since knocking out Bruno."

Both challenger and manager sped past Friday night and were now in March facing the fiercesome Mike Tyson. "Tyson is made for Bonecrusher," Kornberg said. "Bonecrusher is the hardest hitter there is today." A pity Don King sent for Bonecrusher just as he was about to meet Mitch Green, one of the two men who have gone the distance with Tyson.

"I'm picking up a few things from Tyson like his attitude and I think I have the punch in both hands to hit him as he has never been hit before," Bonecrusher said. Someone asked: "But what about little Joe Frazier who beat you but got knocked out in one round by Tyson?" Kornberg stepped in. "Frazier was the best thing that happened to Bonecrusher. He came back to his hotel, watched the video of the fight and became angry."

Smith comes from Magnolia, a town of 2,500 people and not a single traffic light. At 31 he is a late bloomer and came into prominence with his knockout of Frank Bruno in 1984. On the strength of that win he got a title bout with Larry Holmes a few months later and did well to go 12 rounds before being stopped.

The 6ft 4inch Smith is a graduate of Shaw College where he was more interested in basketball than boxing. He learned boxing in the army. "I crushed a few bones, broke a few noses, fractured a few ribs ... that's all and they tagged me Bonecrusher."

SQUASH RACKETS

Davenport's victory helps Skol walk tall

By Colin McQuillan

New Zealand influence on British involvement in American matters is not confined to fantastic plastic performances on the Indian Ocean around Perth.

Ross Norman, the world champion, and Stuart Davenport, his lanky Kiwi compatriot, returned to their respective American Express Premier Squash League squads this week with an effect just as devastating as their nation's impact on the America's Cup.

Davenport, ranked third in the world behind Jahangir Khan and Norman led Skol Leicester to a 5-0 victory over Poundstretchers Dunnings Mill and straight into the leadership of the national league.

Norman took time off from a publicity round, which has continued since he overturned Jahangir in last month's world Open final, to lead InterCity Cannons into second place in the league with a 4-1 win over Arrow Village.

Poundstretchers, from East Grinstead, led the league from the first fixture this year, and they have still lost only two matches. But, significantly, those were whitewash defeats by the two teams now above them.

"I thought we might have scraped a 3-2 win at Leicester," said Bryn Meredith, the Dunnings Mill manager. "We were desperately unlucky not to pick up a couple of points to stay in contention."

Ironically, Meredith's problems stemmed from Philip Kenyon's success on the other side of the world. His top player put together a series of fine matches in the PIA Masters and, on the night his team were trounced at Leicester, Kenyon took a game off Jahangir in the final in Pakistan.

Returning stars do not always succeed, of course. InterCity Cannons dropped what might eventually prove to be a very expensive point when Jamie Hickox hot-footed it back from Karachi – only to lose, after holding match points, against John Le Lievre, the second string for Arrow Village.

Some stars do not return at all. Nottingham, once the strongest club side in the country, sank three places into the league's relegation zone, going down 5-0 to Halls West Country with a squad that included neither of their two regular top players, Gawain Briars and Greg Pollard.

RESULTS: Skol Leicester 5 Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 0; InterCity Cannons 4 Arrow Village 1; Manchester Northern 2 Chapel Allerton 3; Halls West Country 5 Nottingham 0; Ardleigh Hall 3 Visco Monroe 2.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	L	Pts
Skol Leicester	8	7	1	45
InterCity Cannons	8	7	1	42
Dunnings Mill	8	6	2	39
Manchester Nthn	8	5	3	34
Chapel Allerton	8	5	3	34
West Country	8	3	5	23
Ardleigh Hall	8	3	5	22
Visco Monroe	8	2	6	18
HA Nottingham	8	2	6	18
Arrow Village	8	0	8	5

Megastars playing the financial game

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY
Keith Macklin

One of the speakers at a sporting dinner this week was Nat Lofthouse, the Lion of Vienna, former Bolton Wanderers and England centre forward, who recalled the days when he and other England internationals like Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney played for England in Europe for £30 a match. "We were proud to pull on the England shirt," Lofthouse said. "The money didn't really matter."

Such naive sentiments find no place in the philosophy of today's megastars, who pay £30 for a haircut and blow dry, and believe the labourer is worthy of his hire, bonuses, special match fees, expenses, first class travel and accommodation, suburban villa and job. This has been largely a football phenomenon, but two events this week indicate that the superstar mentality is beginning to pervade Rugby League.

Ellery Hanley, whose pay packet at Wigan on a three-year contract has been estimated at £700 a match, give or take a couple of hundred, asked Wigan for a transfer. Then Andy Gregory, the pugnacious little scrum half from Warrington who was Great Britain's outstanding player in the thrilling last international against Australia, asked for a transfer after being suspended by the club for 14 days because of "his attitude towards the club and the board". He had missed two training sessions, saying he was ill on one occasion and that his car broke down on another. The club say he did not inform the coach on either occasion, and Gregory's attitude in recent weeks had been "unfortunate".

Gregory, went on the list at £150,000 and is to appeal against the transfer fee.

Without doubt here are two brilliant young players enmeshed in a web of self-esteem. Hanley, who scored 55 tries in a season for Bradford Northern, and cost £150,000 in cash and players when he signed for Wigan, is again the League's leading try scorer with 21. It was unfortunate for him and for Great Britain that injury reduced his effectiveness in the first international against Australia, and kept him out of the remaining two. A fit Hanley could have given the Kangaroos some problems.

What triggered his transfer request was the signing of the Australian captain, Wally Lewis, to play a series of matches for Wigan at an alleged £2,000 a match. Ellery, used to being the No. 1 idol of the Central Park crowd, had to face the two possibilities of being upstaged by Lewis and losing his stand-off half role. The money must have miffed him, too.

With Andy Gregory, the problem is a recurrence of a previous dispute between club and player. Little Andy is almost as abrasive and unpredictable off the field as on it and he no doubt feels his performance in the third international at Wigan puts him back in the top bracket of earners.

Hanley, who wisely made no public comment, made his peace with Wigan behind closed doors and closed mouths after a chat with the chairman, Jack Hilton. "The matter has been resolved," said Mr Hilton, leaving cynical observers of the game to wonder exactly how. Gregory may make his peace again with Warrington and if this happens there may be a general feeling that a little financial lubricant has smoothed the negotiations.

To be fair to rugby league players, their sport is part-time, and their wages and match fees lag far behind the astronomical sums paid to some run-of-the-mill soccer players. They risk and suffer nasty injuries that keep them off their day to day work, and their career spans are short. They are human enough to want to ride the gravy train as long as it runs, and the backhander syndrome has been around a long time.

The problem for club directors and coaches is how to keep normal ambition, pride and self-interest from spilling into overwhelming greed and near-paranoid vanity.

David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, examines the RFU's aspirations for rugby in the 1990s

Brighter packaging needed to sell New Image

It remains a widely-held theory, and one which is becoming increasingly erroneous, that rugby union is an aloof sport. This week, the Rugby Football Union endeavoured to bury that prejudice by inviting physical education advisers throughout the country to a conference at Twickenham on Rugby in the 1990s and asking for their help in the area of the game which desperately needs encouragement – the schools.

It was an initiative which produced a healthy response from PE advisers, those who act on behalf of local education authorities by monitoring sport in schools. "There seemed to be genuine pleasure from the day among the people who were there," Don Rutherford, the RFU technical administrator, said. "Quite a few were taken by the demonstration of New Image rugby that preceded the University Match and saw it as a real possibility in schools."

"We have cleared away a lot of resistance to change in rugby", Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, told the conference. "We have a lot of things going for us: the social atmosphere that is generated is a big plus and it does involve the whole family. Demand for tickets to international matches is growing year by year – we have requests for 120,000 tickets for the Irish, Scottish and French matches at Twickenham and 180,000 for the Welsh, in a ground that holds just over 60,000. Every year we return over £1million to the public."

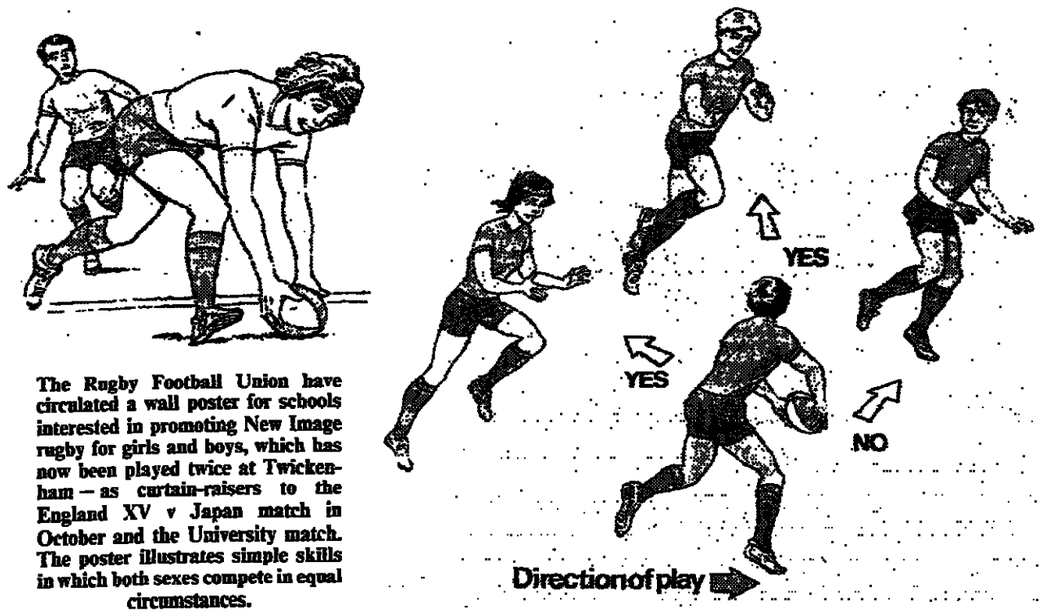
Mr Wood mentioned briefly the problems which have grown up in schools, of a social and industrial nature, but doubted the ability of rugby clubs to alleviate the problem because of the numbers of children involved. Mr Rutherford took up the theme, suggesting that though some 2,600 schools were affiliated to the Rugby Football Schools Union, there existed throughout the country some 24,000 schools.

"We live in an age of change and television," Mr Rutherford said. "Television is the single most magnifying factor devised by man." It was television that had brought American Football – "a most lethal collision-sport when the ball has no relevance whatsoever" – to the fore in this country with a stunning impact, leaving rugby and other sports uneasily aware of their own shortcomings in presentation.

"American Football realises the importance of women to the American way of life," Mr Rutherford said. "Women are going to shape the future. We have been delighted with the trial runs of New Image rugby and the girls have lapped it up because it gives them a chance to compete against the boys. There has been a women's rugby union for three years and women are moving into the traditional men's clubs."

But the attention of the media, Mr Rutherford maintained, was focussed on only one per cent of the people who play rugby: those likely to be involved in the Five Nations tournament and next year's World Cup. "Players with that kind of aspiration move into the area of entertainment; there is going to be much more media hype in the future."

The last review of sporting bodies indicated 64 in Britain, though that number may now be nearer 80, all competing for youth in a world where youngsters themselves are becoming accustomed to new parameters, involving such different aspects as mixed PE classes, the Continental school day (incorporating the possibility of school ending in the early afternoon) and the new GCSE syllabus which incorporates a PE section with a rugby option and an awareness of the political and social problems which face sport.



The Rugby Football Union have circulated a wall poster for schools interested in promoting New Image rugby for girls and boys, which has now been played twice at Twickenham – as curtain-raisers to the England XV v Japan match in October and the University match. The poster illustrates simple skills in which both sexes compete in equal circumstances.

"We are asking our clubs to put a lot more effort into recruitment but we have a dilemma. We would love the educational system to produce the players for us, as traditionally it has, but it's not going to do so. We at Twickenham can offer help, but it's the liaison between clubs and schools which is going to provide the players of the future. We are making our clubs aware of this, asking them to meet school heads to see if they can offer help.

He continued: "We believe we have a game worth selling. It doesn't end at 30 or 35, there is an involvement with a club which is continuous. It's been said that some team games are not safe. We maintain that, for a contact sport, we compare favourably with other sports and we are seeking all the time to make it safer. It is a sport with a positive life-style, with social benefits."

Reaction from the PE advisers themselves was, predictably, mixed. There was an emphasis given to ensuring that children should participate in games, any games, rather than being non-participators, but the better teaching would always be found in the schools.

Was there not, one adviser suggested, a desire among rugby clubs to attract the better games players, leaving no scope for the not-so-able? "We have lots of children working to get into activities after leaving school but because they are not good enough, they don't join a club."

Some clubs, it was said, lacked facilities; others regarded coaching with suspicion. There was a nodding of heads at the suggestion that rugby had not declined in schools as much as had been stated, but that rising transport costs limited the ability to maintain traditional fixtures. Could not the RFU help by encouraging academic staff to resume an interest in teaching rugby which they were either unable, or unwilling, to maintain?

A pertinent comment came from Tom Jones, Canada's technical administrator, who played club rugby in England and for the England Under-23 side: "We in North America are looking to the southern hemisphere for an example of how to play the game." This returns the argument to the shop window theory once more: if you have a good product, youngsters will seek to emulate it. Manifestly, over the last decade, British rugby at international level has been neither successful nor attractive when compared with France, Australia and New Zealand.

The RFU technical staff meet next week to discuss the results of the conference, by which time they hope to have some detailed reaction from the PE advisers themselves.

RACING

Kumbi poised to collect another prize at Haydock

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Kumbi, the winner of the corresponding race two seasons ago when it carried a different name, is napped to win the Ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy Chase at Haydock Park today in the hands of Sam Morshead.

On his seasonal reappearance three weeks ago, Ginger McCain's big 11-year-old ran a mighty race to finish second to Blackhawk Star over four miles considering that he was the only member of the field who had not had a preparatory run.

In the meantime, the form of that race has stood up under scrutiny with the third Covent Garden, the fourth Knock Hill and the sixth Lucky Vane all winning next time out, at Southwell, Worcester and Sandown Park, respectively.

Every bit as important, as far as today's race is concerned, Kumbi finished seven lengths in front of Corbiere that afternoon.

So on only 3lb better terms today, I find it hard to fancy Jenny Pitman's old war-horse now. However, Corbiere will be meeting Hardy Lad, the winner of today's race 12 months ago, on 10lb better terms than when they finished first and second in the Scottish Grand National at Ayr in the spring. As five lengths separated them then, Corbiere has a good chance of getting his revenge now.

But when last seen, Hardy Lad could not get in a blow at Grinders at Ayr and that suggests he will find Kumbi too much of a handful on these terms.

Otherwise, it will be interesting to see how **High Knowl** fares in the Golborne Novices Hurdle although you are unlikely to get very rich backing him following that 30-length winning debut at Leicester last month.

Bought for 56,000 guineas at the Newmarket autumn sales after winning four races in a row on the Flat for Barry Hills, High Knowl has already been backed to win the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham next March. Today's race is small fry in comparison.

So he could easily be the second leg of a double for the Somerset trainer Martin Pipe who also has a good chance of winning the Birkdale Novices' Chase with **Another Dragon**.

Last season, my selection was runner-up to Omerta in the National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham.

Following in the footsteps of All Fair, another useful ex-Flat racer who made a successful switch to hurdling earlier this week at Catterick Bridge, **Well Rigged** has a good opportunity in the Hindley Green Novices' Hurdle for Peter Easterby, who habitually does equally well under both codes.

Black River, who beat Chi Mai by eight lengths at Southwell last Friday, can complete a double for Easterby by winning the Beeches Farm Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle.

At Southwell, I give the East Ilsley trainer Kim Bailey a good chance of also picking up a couple of prizes with **Stubbs Daughter** (1.45) and **The Kulak** (2.45).

Stubbs Daughter, my selection for the Christmas Tree Handicap Chase, is something of a standing dish on the Nottinghamshire track having won four races there already.

Corbiere, Jenny Pitman's 1983 Grand National winner, has his third outing of the season in the Ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy at Haydock Park today

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Well Rigged.
1.30 Another Dragon.
2.00 Black River.
2.30 KUMBI (nap).
3.00 Asticot.
3.30 High Knowl.

By Michael Seely
1.30 ANOTHER DRAGON (nap). 2.30 Hardy Lad.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 HIGH KNOWL.

Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

1.0 HINDLEY GREEN NOVICE HURDLE (£1,431: 2m) (20 runners)

1	13	BUNDABURG (BF) (M Buckley) F Jordan 6-11-0	C Smith	86	6-1
2	01	REGAL STEEL (D) (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-11-0	P Dever	83	3-1
4		AVEC COEUR (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-10-7	A Carroll	—	—
10		COOL RECEPTION (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 5-10-7	R Lamb	—	—
14	00-	FAIDROS (Mac's Garage Ltd) J Old 5-10-7	C Llewellyn (7)	—	—
21	PP-	MAIN REASON (V) (F Lee) F H Lee 4-10-7	S Holland	—	—
22		MISTER POINT (M Battle) C Tinkler 4-10-7	G Bradley	—	—
23		NEW GOLD DREAM (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-10-7	R Dunwoody	—	8-1
25		NORTHERN GAMBLER (T Hemmings) S Mellor 4-10-7	G Charles Jones	—	10-1
27	42-0200	SMITHY BEAR (Mrs J John) R Dickin 4-10-7	W Humphreys (7)	97	—
28	003	SMITHY'S CHOICE (B) (A Birchall) Mrs A Hewitt 4-10-7	M Williams	98	—
29	24P-002	SUPREME CHARTER (Charter Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-7	C Mann	● 99	4-1
33	0	VICKSTOWN (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 4-10-7	C Grant	—	—
34		VICTOR HERBERT (W McIntosh) R Goldie 4-10-7	B Storey	—	—
36		WELL RIGGED (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 5-10-7	L Wyer	—	F5-2
38		DFS WAG (Miss B Sykes) Miss B Sykes 5-10-2	J D Davies (7)	—	—
39		DON'T BE LATE (T Kilroe & Sons Ltd) R E Peacock 4-10-2	M Hammond	—	—
40		HIGHDALE (Mrs P Cosgrave) J Cosgrave 4-10-2	T Pinfield (7)	—	—
44		PASSAGE TO FREEDOM (D McCain) D McCain 4-10-2	A Murphy (7)	—	—
46	0	ST ANLO (B Wells) B Wells 4-10-2	Jessica Charles Jones (7)	—	—

1985: HONEYGROVE BANKER 4-11-7 J J O'Neill (11-10 fav) D McCain 19 ran

FORM BUNDABURG has not run since mid-September when (11-5) a slightly disappointing 3rd beaten 8l to Pellincourt (10-10) at Warwick (2m, £865, firm, Sept 20, 17 ran). REGAL STEEL, a game and consistent horse on the Flat, (11-0) beat SUPREME CHARTER (11-0) ½l at Ludlow with SMITHY'S CHOICE (11-0) ¾l further back in 3rd (2m, £885, good, Nov 26, 17 ran). SMITHY BEAR (10-12) disappointing since 1½l 2nd to Erostin Ruler (10-12) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £856, firm, Nov 5, 12 ran). NEW GOLD DREAM, an Irish import, (11-13) beat Hilary's Pal (11-10) a short head in a Down Royal N.H.Flat race (2m, £690, good, Apr 12, 24 ran). ST ANLO disappointed on hurdling debut having been (10-9) a promising 4th, beaten 22¾l, to Le Carotte (11-0) in a Warwick N.H.Flat race (2m, £879, firm, Sept 20, 17 ran).
Selection: SUPREME CHARTER

1.30 BIRKDALE NOVICE CHASE (£2,306: 3m) (7 runners)

1	000-10F	ROYAL REPLY (D) (W Reed) W Reed 6-11-1	Mr T Reed	74	8-1
2	31F4-12	DUTCH LORD (BF) (D Knights) Denys Smith 5-11-0	C Grant	94	F6-4
3	2P0/P22-	ANOTHER DRAGON (Mrs W Gardan) M Pipe 10-10-8	J Lower (7)	● 99	4-1
4	00-U2FF	DEEP AUBURN (Mrs N Parish) J Parish 7-10-8	N Fearn (7)	—	20-1
5	2P324	WOODSIDE ROAD (Prowting Homes) D Nicholson 6-10-8	R Dunwoody	96	3-1
7	21120-2	YAHOO (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-10-7	G Bradley	89	6-1
8	03P-42P	GAMEWOOD (G Mason) Mrs C Clark 8-10-3	R Earnshaw	81	10-1

1985: STRANDS OF GOLD 6-11-1 M Dwyer (9-4 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5 ran

FORM ROYAL REPLY (11-1) scored on seasonal debut when beating Sweet Stream (11-0) 6l at Hexham (3m, £975, good to firm, Nov 3, 9 ran). DUTCH LORD (11-4) collared after the last when a length 2nd to Jennie Pat (10-9) at Ayr (3m, £1610, good to soft, Nov 21, 11 ran). On final outing last season ANOTHER DRAGON (12-0) 12l 2nd to Omerta (12-7) at Cheltenham (4m, £10170, good, Mar 12, 22 ran). DEEP AUBURN (10-12) last placed when 25l 2nd to Seagram (10-12) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1448, firm, Nov 10, 6 ran). WOODSIDE ROAD (10-12) failed to recover after mistake at the 17th when 6¾l 4th to Crammer (10-12) at Sandown (3m, £3576, good to soft, Nov 28, 9 ran). YAHOO (11-3) failed to quicken after the last when 6l 2nd to Valiant Wood (11-6) at Newcastle (3m, £3105, good to firm, Oct 29, 9 ran). GAMEWOOD (10-9) best effort on penultimate start when 15l 2nd to Mr Frisk (11-8) here (3m, £1869, good to soft, Nov 20, 7 ran).
Selection: ANOTHER DRAGON

2.0 BEECHES FARM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,471: 2m) (18 runners)

1	2031-03	ACERCATE (D) (D Noel) P Charlton 5-11-10	K Cotter (5)	83	10-1
2	31820/	KESCAST (J Mason) M Pipe 6-11-9	J Lower	—	—
4	3124-33	PRICEOFLOVE (D) (J Calvert) D Moffatt 6-11-5	NON-RUNNER	—	—
5	413491	TASHONYA (D) (Mrs V Wells) B Wells 4-11-5 (7ex)	D Morris (3)	91	3-1
6	10-3010	TRAFFITANZI (D) (N Lilley) R Lee 5-11-4	S McCrystal (5)	98	—
7	0F0-122	BLACK SHEEP (D) (Mrs E Dudgeon) I Dudgeon 9-11-4	P Bowman (7)	93	9-2
9	00100-	LONDON LEADER (D) (Champion Headwear Ltd) R Lee 4-11-0	B Dowling (3)	96	—
10	0-P0100	SHADY LEGACY (D) (D Pugh) R Morris 5-10-13	—	94	—
11	0021-00	MATELOT (D) (B Sommerville) M Naughton 4-10-13	D Hogg (7)	85	12-1
15	0001-00	BUGATTI (D) (D Malam) D Burchell 8-10-9	W Humphries (3)	95	—
16	10030P	FLORI WONDER (D) (Roe Racing Ltd) G Roe 5-10-8	P McDermott	96	—
17	41410/0	VIOLINO FANDANGO (Mrs J Cash) Mrs E Kennard 8-10-7	R Boucher (7)	—	—
18	200421	BLACK RIVER (D)) (Mrs D Brewster) M H Easterby 5-10-4 (7ex)	R Marley (5)	● 99	F5-2
20	200002	CHI MAI (B,D) (A Guy) J Norton 6-10-1	A Murphy (5)	96	8-1
21	2FU00-0	ROCKMAN (B) (Mrs P Rigby) Mrs P Rigby 6-10-0	C Kellett (5)	—	—
23	000-0F0	PRIVATE LABEL (F Lee) F H Lee 6-10-0	C Nolan (5)	94	—
24	00/0	TOWNSVILLE (A Bingley) J Old 5-10-0	C Llewellyn (5)	—	—
25	00-P000	PRETTY AMAZING (B) (T Glendinning) D Moffatt 5-10-0	Amanda Gleadinning	—	—

1985: SEASONS DELIGHT 6-10-2 A Dicks (9-4 fav) R Holder 14 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

FORM ACERCATE (11-0) finished fast to be 22l 3rd to Withy Bank (10-9) at Haydock (2m 4f, £1398, good to soft, Nov 20, 19 ran). TRAFFITANZI, ran badly last time, previously (11-7) beat Bosworth Boy (10-12) 1½l at Worcester but may not be able to win outside selling company (2m, £748, good to firm, Oct 10, 8 ran). LONDON LEADER (11-5) 6½l 5th to Storm House (10-12) at Wincanton on final start of last season (2m, £769, good, May 1, 21 ran). FLORI WONDER out of form since (11-9) beating Shieldaig (10-7) 12l in a Stratford selling hurdle (2m 6f, £661, firm, Sept 6, 7 ran). BLACK RIVER (10-0) beat CHI MAI (10-3) 8l at Southwell (2m, £1142, good to soft, Dec 5, 15 ran). Last season CHI MAI (10-12) 5l 2nd to Borleafras (11-4) at Cartmel with PRICEOFLOVE (10-12) 1l away 4th, (2m 1f, £1915, soft, May 28, 6 ran).
Selection: BLACK RIVER

2.30 RONNIE JOHNSTON MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,986: 3m 4f) (6 runners)

1	3138P-2	KUMBI (CD) (D Lunt) D McCain 11-11-7	S Morshead	98	F7-4
2	P432-32	HARDY LAD (CD) (Mrs J Milligan) B Wilkinson 9-11-6	M Hammond	94	3-1
4	12F2-00	CORBIERE (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-10	B de Haan	● 99	4-1
5	001-340	WHY FORGET (D) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 10-10-10	R Lamb	93	6-1
6	1/0044-F	GOLDEN KNOLL (Mrs J McKechnie) S Mellor 7-10-0	G Charles Jones	97	12-1
8	BPP-232	ROYAL JET (G Fairbairn) G Fairbairn 9-10-0	B Storey	81	10-1

1985: HARDY LAD 8-10-2 A Stringer (6-1) B Wilkinson 10 ran

FORM KUMBI (11-6) carrying a little condition on reappearance when a 7l 2nd to Blackhawk Star (10-0), with CORBIERE (10-12) 7l back in 7th here (4m, £3674, good to soft, Nov 20, 7 ran). HARDY LAD (11-7) had ROYAL JET (10-0) 6l back in 3rd when 2nd to Grinders (10-5) at Ayr (3m, £2950, good to soft, Nov 22, 4 ran). On final outing last season HARDY LAD (10-0) beat CORBIERE (10-0) 5l in the Scottish Grand National at Ayr (4m, £20102, good, Apr 19, 24 ran). WHY FORGET (11-7) disappointing when just over 31l 5th to Silent Valley (10-4) at Newcastle (3m 6f, £2356, good, Nov 29, 8 ran); showed better form on final outing of last season when (10-7) beating Newlife Connection (11-5) 1½l at Wetherby (3m, £3064, good, May 26, 6 ran). GOLDEN KNOLL (11-10) slipped up before 9th in race won by Cerimau (11-12) at Leicester (3m, good); best effort last season (10-11) when 11¾l 4th to Ballymilan (11-0) at Newbury (3m 2f, £3584, good, Mar 21, 16 ran). ROYAL JET (10-10) on latest start was 5l 2nd to Ivacop (10-2) at Newcastle (2m 4f, £2012, good to firm, Dec 1, 7 ran).
Selection: KUMBI

3.0 WIDNES SELLING HURDLE (£830: 2m 6f) (10 runners)

1	3P0-21	ASTICOT (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 4-11-0	A Carroll	● 99	7-2
2	00-2F1F	NABEEH (M Bray-Cotton) W Clay 4-11-0	Diane Clay (7)	96	6-1
3	3210P-0	NASHOOD (T Wilson) Mrs N Macauley 5-11-0	Miss G Armytage (4)	98	—
4	410040-	TIPO STYLE (D Bentley) P Bevan 5-11-0	S Morshead	91	8-1
5	084341	TRACK MARSHALL (H Insley) D L Williams 4-11-0	A Gardner (7)	95	9-2
6	400444	DR CORNELIUS (B) (F Barton) F Barton 5-10-9	M Brisbourne	78	—
7	00004-	EARTH WORKS (W Marshall) G M Moore 4-10-9	M Hammond	—	12-1
8	0	ITS A LAUGH (BF) (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-10-9	J Lower (4)	—	F9-4
10	43-030B	PHILLY ATHLETIC (M Carter) J Kettlewell 4-10-9	S Kettlewell	95	—
11	0-	SCOLT HEAD (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-10-9	E O'Brien (7)	89	12-1

1985: TIPO STYLE 4-10-9 G McCourt (8-1) P Bevan 7 ran

FORM ASTICOT never able to get on terms in non-selling company last time, previously (11-5) beat Kam Hill (11-0) 6l with DR CORNELIUS (10-12) a further 17l back in 4th and NABEEH (10-12) mid-division when slipped up before 3 out, at Uttoxeter (2m, £985, good to soft, Nov 13, 15 ran). NABEEH (10-8) has since beaten Bonfire (11-5) a ½l at Southwell (2m, £814, heavy, Nov 24, 12 ran). NASHOOD, badly in need of race on seasonal debut, last year (10-8) beat Grange Of Glory (10-8) 5l at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £557, good, Sept 10, 13 ran). TIPO STYLE (10-9) beat Leave It To Baily (10-9) 2l in a similar event here last season (2m 6f, £851, soft, Dec 12, 7 ran). TRACK MARSHALL a 2m winner last time but ran probably a better race prior to that when (10-12) a 4l 4th to Erostin Ruler at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £856, firm, Nov 5, 12 ran). PHILLY ATHLETIC, below-par this season, last Spring (10-8) scored a 15l win over Crowfoot's Couture (11-5) at Newcastle (2m 120yds, £684, heavy, Jun 22, 7 ran).
Selection: NASHOOD

3.30 GOLBORNE NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,076: 2m) (15 runners)

1	023102	BANTEL BUSHY (D) (J Taylor Shudehill Ltd) J Berry 11-0	Sharron James	83	10-1
3	1	HIGH KNOWL (D) (Anchorage Marine Ltd) M Pipe 11-0	J Lower (4)	● 99	F4-5
4	F	BURHAAIN (Full Circle C Plc) N Tinkler 10-7	G Bradley	—	—
6	04	CASUAL PASS (J Morrison) G W Richards 10-7	J Hansen	75	6-1
7		COISIN LUATH (M Pointon) D Burchell 10-7	—	—	—
8		CRICKET HOUSE (Mrs N Parish) J Parish 10-7	N Fearn (7)	—	—
10		HOTPLATE (W W Bellamy Bakers Ltd) D McCain 10-7	K Doolan	—	—
13	P0	NEXT DANCE (Mrs E Hewitson) M Naughton 10-7	B Storey	—	—
14	06	THE STAMP DEALER (J Moores) E Alston 10-7	M Brisbourne	—	12-1
16		UNEX-PLAINED (B Eddishaw) G M Moore 10-7	M Hammond	—	—
18		ARRAS STYLE (Mrs C Clark) Mrs C Clark 10-2	R Earnshaw	—	—
19	P	KELLY LINDO (Mrs P Cosgrave) J Cosgrave 10-2	T Pinfield (7)	—	—
20	B	LOVE AT LAST (Mrs M Charlton) E Alston 10-2	M Meagher	—	—
21	4	QUEEN OF SWORDS (R Butters) R Hollinshead 10-2	P Dever	70	4-1
22	00	STANDON MILL (R Whalley) J Wilson 10-2	Mrs G Rees	—	—

1985: STRING PLAYER 11-0 C Hawkins (5-4 fav) F Lee 18 ran

FORM HIGH KNOWL, who promises to be top class, (10-10) beat Dry Gin (10-10) 30l unextended at Leicester with QUEEN OF SWORDS (10-5) running respectably on debut, 5½l further back in 4th (2m, £713, soft, Nov 28, 20 ran). BANTEL BUSHY, an admirably consistent sort, (11-0) probably ran best race when 15l 2nd to Melendez (11-4) at Haydock (2m 4f, £1635, good to soft, Nov 20, 8 ran). CASUAL PASS seems to be improving as he gains experience and (10-7) ran a fine race to be 7½l 4th to Pat's Jester (10-7), who has since franked the form, at Ayr (2m, £685, yielding, Nov 22, 11 ran). STANDON MILL has been well behind both outings over hurdles, latest (10-5) a distant 8th to Raffles Rouge (10-10) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, £685, soft, Dec 4, 16 ran).
Selection: HIGH KNOWL

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M Pipe	7	24	29.2	R Earnshaw	11	47	23.4
M H Easterby	15	69	21.7	G Bradley	9	44	20.5
D Nicholson	8	45	17.8	S Morshead	7	61	11.5
G Richards	5	70	7.1				

Only qualifiers   Only qualifiers

SOUTHWELL

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Border Rambler.
1.15 Doon Venture.
1.45 Stubbs Daughter.
2.15 Woodburgh.
2.45 The Kulak.
3.15 Peace Terms.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 The Kulak.

Going: soft (with heavy patches)

12.45 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NOVICE CHASE (£1,056: 3m 110yd) (11 runners)

2	F4U221	PRINCE METTERNICH (CD) (R England) C J Bell 5-11-0	M Dwyer	95	F6-4
3	030-33	BORDER RAMBLER (R Tyrer) G Richards 6-10-10	P Tuck	—	4-1
4	42F221-	CHEEKY RUPERT (T Wragg) D L Williams 6-10-10	R Crank	● 99	7-2
5	0-0R00F	CONSTABLE KELLY (Major L Tham) Mrs J Barrow 6-10-10	M Bosley (4)	84	10-1
6	000P-PP	DRUMBHREAC (C Bravery) C Bravery 6-10-10	—	—	—
7	20-40F0	EMO FOREVER (V) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 6-10-10	D Dutton	—	12-1
10	P	QUARTER TOWN (B) (Mrs J O'Sullivan) P Butler 6-10-10	G Moore	—	—
11	043P-UF	RODGER DELL (S Freeman) J Edwards 6-10-10	D Browne	—	—
12	PPU-02F	STAND FIRM (Grenville Richards) Grenville Richards 6-10-10	H Davies	84	6-1
15	P/0F30-	DUSTY RUN (A Miedziakl) R Shepherd 6-10-5	R Stronge	—	—
17		YOUR DEAD RIGHT (H Bourn) R Woodhouse 5-10-2	—	—	—

1985: THE BUILDER 6-10-3 Mr P Niven (4-1) Mrs G Reveley 7 ran

1.15 CHRISTMAS BOX SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £784: 2m) (14 runners)

1	21	DOON VENTURE (D) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds C Plc) N Tinkler 11-4	M Dwyer	95	F9-4
2	F1	TYRANNISE (C) (D Ball) B McMahon 10-13	M Brennan	90	5-2
5	0	CLASS HOPPER (F Tarr) W Elsey 10-12	P Tuck	—	—
6	P00	FIC VIC (V Searle) N Lee-Judson 10-12	R Stronge	—	—
7	0	JOUSTING BOY (S Elmer) M Chapman 10-12	S Mitchell (7)	—	14-1
8	00P	SUPREME DANCER (B) (M Waller) K Bridgwater 10-12	W Worthington	—	—
9	000	SWALLOW TIME (B) (E Luness) Ron Thompson 10-12	G Harker	89	—
10	F	TARA DANCER (D Soley) C Tinkler 10-12	A Stringer	—	—
12	00	CITY LINK COURIER (D Hogg) R Hartop 10-7	R Crank	—	7-1
13	F0	DALBY GIRL (J Benbow) P Felgate 10-7	S Johnson	—	—
15	0P0	GOLD SOVEREIGN (K Bayliss) M Oliver 10-7	—	● 99	9-2
16	00F	OUR MUMSIE (W Wilson) N Bycroft 10-7	D Dutton	—	—
17	P0	OUR NOORA (V) (S Sellers) J Parkes 10-7	—	—	—
18	303422	REPETITIVE (M Pipe) M Pipe 10-7	P Scudamore	80	11-2

1985: LILIAN FLEUR 10-7 S McNeill 25-1 C Drew 8 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M H Easterby	6	15	40.0	R Hyett	6	28	21.4
G Richards	17	77	22.1	R Crank	15	80	18.8
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	40	20.0	M Dwyer	8	47	17.0
S Mellor	6	30	20.0	D Dutton	9	61	14.8
A Jarvis	6	33	18.2	M Brennan	20	154	13.0
T Bill	6	35	17.1				

Only qualifiers

1.45 CHRISTMAS TREE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,604: 2m 74yd) (8 runners)

2	040-F41	FEARLESS IMP (J Truman) R Shepherd 11-12-1 (6ex)	R Stronge	● 99	7-2
3	P-01131	STUBBS DAUGHTER (CD) (P Keith-Roach) K Bailey 9-11-7	A Jones	83	F5-2
4	312-021	ALDRO (CD) (P Riley) W Clay 10-11-6	S J O'Neill	97	7-2
5	24320P-	ROSTRA (Mrs D Plunkett) R Armytage 7-11-6	Mr M Armytage (7)	98	6-1
6	112434	THE WELDER (R Yates) C F C Jackson 8-11-6	R Hyett	84	6-1
8	3-1103	TIERENEE (CD,BF) (R Causer) T Bill 8-11-0	R Crank	87	7-1
10	1223-PP	DOVER (J Woodland) H Fleming 6-10-8	D Dutton	90	14-1
11	0P14-01	AWNING (M Hennques) M Hennques 8-10-0	J Sothern	86	10-1

1985: TIERENEE 7-10-9 R Crank (3-1) T Bill 5 ran

2.15 CHRISTMAS STOCKING HANDICAP CHASE (£1,337: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

1	20/30P0-	BALLY-GO (D) (C C Bell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-3	M Dwyer	86	F6-4
2	44P-223	PREBEN FUR (CD) (W Peacock) G Richards 9-11-11	P Tuck	92	3-1
4	323-P03	KAMIR (F Brown) A Jarvis 6-11-0	T Jarvis	87	5-1
5	21230F	MIGHTY DISASTER (D Hammond) A Jarvis 6-11-0	S Shilston	92	8-1
8	40P-FD1	WOODBURGH (CD) (M Stevens) J Bosley 8-10-3 (5ex)	M Bosley (4)	● 99	7-2
10	3F0040-	YOUNG BLOOD (P Doherty) S Christian 7-10-1	R Beggan	85	16-1
14	30P-000	FLYING MISTRESS (C) (T Bell) J Webber 8-10-0	G Mernagh	—	14-1
15	0230/P0	ANSURO (CD) (Miss R Scholey) R Scholey 9-10-0	P Dennis (4)	—	25-1

1985: JUBILEE KING 7-9-10 R Balfour (33-1) M Chapman 5 ran

2.45 CHRISTMAS PARTY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (£924: 2m) (14 runners)

1	14	MOON JESTER (CD) (J White) C Holmes 6-11-10	D Morris	73	12-1
3	0001	RUBY FLIGHT (D) (R Eckley) R Eckley 4-11-2	M Bowlby	96	6-1
5	000P-0	COWAL SHORE (C Parker) S Mellor 5-11-0	G Landau	—	—
8	43-0320	DEBBIES PRINCE (BF) (Mrs D Bravery) C Bravery 5-11-0		88	—
7	P/	DUELLING (C Holmes) C Holmes 5-11-0	J Tate	—	—
12	0	PICADILLY LORD (P Michael) G Hufter 5-11-0	R Carter	—	—
16	44	THE KULAK (C Andrews) K Bailey 5-11-0	J Hurst	86	4-1
19	00-2032	COLONEL JAMES (D O'Callaghan) Mrs S Oliver 4-10-11	Jacqui Oliver	● 99	F7-2
20	0-0	CRAIGS VENTURE (Mrs E Rudge) E Carter 4-10-11	R Fahey	—	—
24	003	KILLARY BAY (R Gomersall) N Tinkler 4-10-11	N Jackson (5)	84	12-1
25	34	MAFTIR (B) (Miss S Lavery) M James 4-10-11	J R Quinn	84	5-1
28	00-2	RIVERSIDE WRITER (West Midlands Racing Club) K Bridgwater 4-10-11	K Ryan	74	10-1
30	000-	ASERMANDA (L Wild) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-9	G Lyons (5)	—	—
33	2	MODEL LADY (Niland & Treacy Construction) O O'Neill 4-10-6	P Grassick	80	6-1

1985: CLEARLY BUST 5-11-10 D Hood (8-1) C Holmes 13 ran

3.15 CHRISTMAS CAKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,270: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

3	402-P00	BLACKWELL BOY (D) (Triam South West) A James 5-11-7	G Jones	96	12-1
4	24/03PP-	MOUNT RULE (D) (D Goose) C J Bell 6-11-6	M Dwyer	94	12-1
6	0010-00	MISS NERO (D) (R Yates) C F C Jackson 5-11-5	R Hyett	83	—
11	F21PP-0	KNIGHT'S HEIR (R Riley) H Whiling 5-10-13	—	93	6-1
13	000-140	PEACE TERMS (B) (J Ennis) G Richards 4-10-12	P Tuck	93	—
15	021100-	ASTRAL LADY (D) (Mrs C Dook) Mrs C Dook 5-10-10	D Shaw	● 99	9-2
17	010-231	KAM HILL (C) (B Culley) O Brennan 4-10-3	M Brennan	96	F6-4
18	0040-00	MARY KATE O'BRIEN (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-10-1	D Murphy	89	—
19	01P-440	KALOOKI BERT (D) (R Dowsett) R Hartop 5-10-1	R Crank	97	6-1
21	413110/	REGAL TOUCH (R Tansley) Mrs S Austin 8-10-0	D Wilkinson	—	—
22	0003-00	EYE FLASHER (B,C) (H Maddever) Rex Carter 4-10-0	S Woods (7)	88	—
23	3340P/0	KING OF STRESS (W Hardy) J L Harris 8-10-0	J A Harris	—	—

1985: WAR AND PEACE 6-10-8 R Powell (6-1) D Mills 12 ran

Hurd's support delights Sunday racing lobby

By Michael Seely

Both the Jockey Club and Horserace Betting Levy Board yesterday expressed themselves as being highly delighted with the support given by Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, to the idea of Sunday racing in his speech at the Gimcrack Dinner in York on Tuesday night.

General Sir Cecil Blacker, deputy senior steward of the Jocky Club and chairman of their working party on Sunday racing, said: "The Home Secretary's support is very encouraging and bears out my own view that the public would welcome the opportunity of being allowed to come racing on Sundays.

"The stewards of the Jockey Club will shortly be considering my working party's final report, which will be published early in the New Year. However, we fully realize that a good deal of explanation and consultation will be needed before we can expect the degree of support required to achieve the necessary change in legislation.

"I very much hope that our proposals will stimulate a wide measure of public approval and also obtain the wholehearted backing of the racing and betting industries."

Talking in the same vein at Haydock Park yesterday, Tristram Ricketts, the chief executive of the Levy Board, commented: "We welcome the Home Secretary's positive endorsement of the principle of Sunday racing, which we see as an integral part of the continuing effort to promote racing as a spectator sport. We now stand together with the Jockey Club and General Blacker, and his working party, to help with the necessary steps."

Not unnaturally, there are varying views throughout the industry. Alfie Bruce, chairman of the National Association of Bookmakers which represents the course operators, said: "We welcome the whole idea and would not be at all averse to seeing an experimental period with on-course betting alone."

However, Eric Barber, former chairman of the bookmakers' committee on the Levy Board, opposed this idea. "Quite frankly, although we welcome the idea, I do not see Sunday racing to be a practical proposition unless both off and on-course betting on that day are made legal."

Phillip Arkwright, clerk of the course at Haydock and Cheltenham, commented: "I don't see it as being very practical in the winter, but I think it would go down very well on a limited number of Sundays on the Flat in the summer."

Most trainers are in favour of the move. Michael Stoute, the season's leading Flat race trainer, said yesterday: "Of course we want to see it as it means fresh money coming into the industry. We already send horses abroad to race on Sundays all the time so as far as our working week is concerned it would present no special problems."

Other news from the Jockey Club yesterday concern major changes to the Flat pattern for 1987 and 1988. Following the annual meeting of the European Pattern Committee held in Dublin last week, the stewards announced a number of major changes.

The most welcome news is that the St James's Palace Stakes and the Coronation Stakes at Ascot's royal meeting are both to be upgraded from Group two to Group one. So, too, is their big mile race in September, the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, to be accorded the same status.

This change has been long overdue, as anyone who watched Sure Blade beat Green Desert at Ascot this June and also saw Sonic Lady win the Coronation Stakes will appreciate.

The Queen Elizabeth II Stakes has long been a race of championship status. This autumn it was won by Sure Blade and in 1985 Shadeed gained that spectacular victory over Teleprompter.

Forgive'N Forget in good heart

Forgive'N Forget remains favourite at 7-2 to repeat his 1985 triumph in the Cheltenham Gold Cup after a ten-length defeat of Cybrandian in the Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock Park yesterday (Michael Seely writes).

"That's put him on target for the King George," said Jimmy Fitzgerald, having recorded his 43rd success of the campaign. "Mark Dwyer said he needed the race badly which is not surprising as he's had an abcess in his mouth for the past seven days or so."

Fitzgerald then added that Joint Sovereignty and Special Vintage would also go to Kempton to launch a three-pronged stable assault on Kempton's rich Boxing Day prizes.

After starting at the prohibitive price of 3-1 on, Forgive'N Forget was restrained by Dwyer as Cybrandian forced the strong pace that recently saw him win the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow.

As usual, the nine-year-old's jumping was economical and flat when relaxed. And when Dwyer moved him up to challenge at the second fence from home, Forgive'N Forget made his only mistake. He then jumped the final obstacle perfectly and immediately sprinted clear. Big Brown Bear, the only other runner, finished a distance away in third place.

Remarkably, despite five previous victories on the course, this was the only time that Forgive'N Forget has won this particular race, having been beaten a length by Gaye Chance in 1984 and having finished a remote third to Earls Brig last December.

The season's leading trainer is now looking forward to attacking Saturday's SGB Chase at Ascot with Bucko, an easy winner at Haydock before finishing a disappointing third when odds on behind Simon Legree at Sandown.

Michael Oliver said that West Tip is in fine trim after his outing behind I Haventalight at Cheltenham last Friday and said that last season's Grand National winner will now attempt to defy top weight against the likes of Bucko, Broadheath, Door Latch, and Sign Again in Ascot's valuable chase.

Both Fitzgerald and Dwyer completed a double when Avoport beat Vital Boy by a length in the Ashton Novices' Hurdle, but their hopes of a treble had earlier been dashed when Comeragh King had fallen at the second-last fence when clear of his rivals in the Ribble Novices' Chase.

King George entries

King George VI Rank Chase (Grade 1: 3m): Beau Ranger 8yrs, Bolands Cross 7, Broadheath 9, Castle Warden 9, Charter Party 8, Coombs Ditch 10, Cybrandian 8, Desert Orchid 7, Door Latch 8, Drive On Jimmy 8, Forgive'N Forget 9, Half Free 10, Hard Case 8, Kyoto 8, Oregon Trial 6, Pearlyman 7, Rockfield Boy 9, Run And Skip 8, Sign Again 8, Simon Legree 9, Searsby 7, The Mighty Mac 11, Very Promising 8, Von Trappe 9, Wayward Lad 11, Western Sunset 10, West Tip 9. (To be run at Kempton Park, December 26).

Tote pays for its mistake

The Tote declared a dividend of £23.20 for Beau Dire, the heavily backed 3-1 winner of the Montagu Selling Hurdle at Huntingdon yesterday, but five minutes before the start of the second race they discovered a computer error and officially corrected it to £10.10.

It was an expensive error for the Tote, the local manager stating: "Most of the winners had been paid out when we realised the mistake."

Results from two meetings

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, **MOU-DAFA** (P Scudamore, 15-8 fav); 2, Hyde (A Murphy, 8-1); 3, Tudor Squire (A Dicks, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Descartes, 6 Skyboot (4th), Spigot Shaft, 7 Good Friendship (pu), 16 Frosty Touch (5th), Peter Drummer (6th), 20 Ridgeway Girl, 25 Dance Of Life, 33 Lance Of St George, Fair City, Smokey's Son, Hayman. 15 ran. NR: Flori Wonder, Kitty Wren. ¾l, 7l, 3l, 1l, 5l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £2.70, £9.40. DF: £14.50. CSF: £18.68. Tricast: £362.93. No bid.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, **TAROOGAN'S BEST** (P Scudamore, 5-1); 2, Maggies Girl (C Grant, 9-1); 3, New Song (R Dunwoody, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8-15 fav Comeragh King (4th), 40 Right Cloudy (f). 5 ran. 5l, 4l, dist. R Peacock at Tarporley. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £1.20. DF: £11.20. CSF: £34.74.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, **FORGIVE 'N FORGET** (M Dwyer, 1-3 fav); 2, Cybrandian (L Wyer, 11-4); 3, Big Brown Bear (R Strong, 33-1). 3 ran. 10l, dist. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.43.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **STRING PLAYER** (S Holland, 9-4 fav); 2, Harley (C Grant, 12-1); 3, Some Machine (M Dwyer, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Shannon Way, 7 Charlotte's Dunce (5th), 10 Roman Dusk, Emerald Watson (pu), 12 Brickey Ranger (pu), 14 Sir Lucky, Well Covered (6th), 16 Whisky Go Go, 20 Crooning Berry (4th), 33 Oceanus, Forty Grand. 14 ran. 7l, 8l, 3l, 1l, 5l. F H Lee at Wilmslow. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £3.40, £2.60. DF: £31.30. CSF: £32.13. Tricast: £146.64.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, **BLACKFEET** (C Grant, 10-1); 2, Admiral's Cap (P Scudamore, 11-10 jt-fav); 3, Centre Attraction (P Tuck, 11-10 jt-fav). 3 ran. 1½l, 12l. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £6.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £18.07.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **AVOPORT** (M Dwyer, 7-2); 2, Vital Boy (N Coleman, 11-2); 3, The Lodge Prince (L Wyer, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Powys (5th), 3 Modtech (4th), 12 Wild Flyer, 14 Marcellina (6th), 20 Clever Folly, 25 Dashalong, Rymer King (pu), 33 Brick Lawn (pu), French Habitat, Mr Fagin, Permanent Way (pu), Royal Santa (pu), Wildrush. 16 ran. 1l, 3l, 1½l, 10l, 7l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £4.90; £2.10, £1.80, £7.40. DF: £17.30. CSF: £25.18.

Placepot: £1,168.65

Huntingdon

Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, **BEAU DIRE** (S Sherwood, 3-1); 2, Just The Ticket (D Dutton, 12-1); 3, Ramille (M Hill, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Angel Dust (5th), 4 Tana Mist, 7 Hallowed (4th), 8 Reluctant Gift, Suntan, 10 Be Positive 14 Irish Dilemma, Okaadh, 20 Career Madness (ur), Cheal, Four For Uncle, Pamela Heaney, Warrior Uncle, 25 Podarces, Nipper Smith, Norham Castle, Rhode Island Red (6th), Rubus, Mengham Star (pu). 22 ran. 8l, ½l, sh hd, 8l, 8l. J Jenkins at Epsom. Tote: £10.10; £3.50, £15.10, £11.70. DF: £4.80 winner of second with any other horse. CSF: £52.06. Bought in 2,700 gns.

1.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, **STICK OF ROCK** (P Nicholls, 7-2); 2, Camrew (C Cox, 100-30 fav); 3, Le Valgan (S McNeill, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Broken Wing (bd), 13-2 Page Of Gold (5th), 7 High Renown (pu), 16 Swift Retort (ur), 20 Burns Lad, Icon (bd), Our Gracie (f), 33 Compton Boy (6th), Cooloughter (f), Count Frederick (pu), Drummond Street, Fada, Neverof (4th), Prince Felix (pu). 17 ran. NR: Ling. 7l, 7l, 6l, 4l, 4l. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £3.90; £2.20, £1.70, £4.80. DF: £6.00. CSF: £15.39.

1.45 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, **SIP OF ORANGE** (J J Quinn, 4-7 fav); 2, Mister Christian (A Webb, 16-1); 3, Hickleton Boy (R Dennis, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Major Match, Old Ford Tavern, Random Traveller, 11 Bellasis (6th), King Nimrod (4th), 16 Broxted Spar (f), 25 Fleuve de Soleil, Members' Revenge, Mr Kirby, 33 Byways Boy, Dorsythym, King Sear, Oh So Stanley (f), Whoever, Bird Ash (pu), Free Credit, Hightown Fontana, Kaye-Wood (5th). 21 ran. NR: Wise Warrior. 7l, 4l, 4l, 8l, 3l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £2.60, £12.10. DF: £7.90. CSF: £14.85.

2.15 (3m ch) 1, **CERIMAU** (D Browne, 7-2); 2, Oversway (S Smith Eccles, 5-2 fav); 3, Carved Opal (B de Haan, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Care (4th), 8 Up And Down (5th), 9 Right Card (f), 33 Springwood (6th), 50 Polar Express. 8 ran. 4l, 12l, 10l, dist, 10l. J Edwards at Ross on Wye. Tote: £4.60; £1.20, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £4.80. CSF: £12.55.

2.45 (2m 200yd ch) 1, **MANSTON MARAUDER** (Penny Ffitch-Heyes, 7-2); 2, Smiling Cavalier (G Landau, 14-1); 3, Professor Plum (W Humphreys, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Falabnate (4th), 7 Mood Music (5th). 5 ran. ¾l, 20l, nk, 1½l. P Hedger at Chichester. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £2.70. DF: £22.60. CSF: £32.39.

3.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, **NEW FARMER** (R Rowe, 9-2); 2, Mischievous Jack (Miss G Armytage, 25-1); 3, Orchid Bay (C Mann, 16-1); 4, Airborne Deal (G Moore, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Hasty Gamble, 5 Write The Music (pu), 8 Health N Happiness (5th), Kingtor (pu), 9 Shagayle, 10 Crisp, 12 Prefeles, 14 Catherine Bridge (pu), 20 Ballywest, Bit Of A Dandy (pu), Donegal Prince, Ziparib, 25 Sirundy (pu), 33 Cut 'N Dry (ur), Preacher's Gem (6th), Cap d'Azure (pu), Prince Of Kashmir, Shuttlecock Star, Lawrence-Lee (pu), Devil's Gold, End Of Era. 25 ran. hd, 7l, 1l, nk, 8l. J P Price at Leominster. Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £3.10, £6.80, £11.10. DF: £52.50. CSF: £125.51. Tricast: £1626.71.

Placepot: £633.15.

The Navy arsenal emerges ship shape

By Peter Marson

Hampshire 13
Royal Navy 24

The Royal Navy beat Hampshire for the first time in three years at Hilsea — the home of Portsmouth's RFC who celebrate their centenary this year — in a free-scoring match yesterday, in which a windfall of five tries formed the basis for a match tally of 37 points.

Of these, three goals and two penalty goals belonged to the Navy whose ability in attack was matched by a solid defence which was often at full stretch against a Hampshire XV which countered with a goal, a try and a penalty goal.

This was the Navy's second match in the new season — they had previously done well to beat Cornwall by 7 points to 3 — and their last outing before embarking on a series of matches in the New Year culminating in their first match in the inter-services tournament against the Army.

Hampshire's cause would have been helped had Tellow's place kicking been more accurate. The Navy, though, always managed to look the better team and they enjoyed a marked superiority in the back row of the scrummage where Griffin and Wood played splendidly throughout; at half back where Livingstone and Whittington combined smoothly, and at full back, where Boon distinguished himself in attack and defence.

It was Boon's entry into the line and a well-timed pass that gave Penfold the room to score the Navy's first try. Whittington's fine kick from the edge of touch brought him the first two in a personal tally of a dozen.

Hampshire: Tries: Hodges, Atkins. Con: Manktelow. Pen: Manktelow. Royal Navy: Tries: Penfold, Griffin, Creighton. Conversions: Whittington (3). Penalties: Whittington (2).

HAMPSHIRE: C Manktelow (Hampshire Police); E Over (US Portsmouth), D Palmer (Southampton), I Chandler (Portsmouth), C Atkins (Royal Signals); C Emmanuel (Southampton Univ), B Hodges (Portsmouth); R Nicholson (Trojans), T Nowell (Jersey), N Carrolyn (Portsmouth), M Sheldon (US Portsmouth, capt), J Holmar (Eastleigh), D Horn (Jersey), M Osborn (Alton), R Lammeman (Gosport & Fareham). Replacement: P Nelson (Isle of Wight).

ROYAL NAVY: AB D Boon (Sultan); Lt R Penfold (Raleigh), Wea App A Kellett (Sultan), AB R Packer (Sheraton), Lt S Creighton (Daedalus); Mne M Whittington (40 Commando RM), Mne P Livingstone (RM Deal); Lt W Dunham (CTC RM), Mne J Griffiths (40 Commando RM), Aem S Lord (Seahawk), Cpl M Hewett (CTC RM, capt), PO P Elliott (Seahawk), Leem B Woodcock (Daedalus), Leem G Wood (CTC RM), AB J Griffin (Drake).
Referee: Mr A Reay (Somerset Society).

Monaco to host sevens tournament

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

If enthusiasm for the 15-a-side game is not at an all-time high in the northern hemisphere, the abbreviated game, sevens, continues to attract players and sponsors. The latest international tournament is the Glenlivet Monte Carlo event, to be held in Monte Carlo on May 10 and drawing eight teams from Britain, France and Italy.

The event, under the patronage of Prince Rainier, will be staged in the Louis II Stadium, which holds 23,000 people. It will cost £100,000 to stage, of which £40,000 will come from the Glenlivet Distillery.

England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales will be represented by, respectively, the Public School Wanderers, the Co-Optimists, the Wolfhounds and Crawshay's Welsh. In addition, Albert Ferasse, the president of the French Rugby Federation, is organizing a VII: Jean-Pierre Rives, the former French captain, is raising a Monaco Invitation VII; a South of France VII will be drawn from Toulouse, Toulon and Nice; and the Italian Zebras make up the octet.

The tournament has been devised by three Monaco residents: Ian Brackenbury, a former captain and president of Esher, Rob Cowper, the former Australian cricketer and John Swain, another Australian who was president of the Adelaide Australian Rules club and retired to Monaco.

Mr Brackenbury, chairman of the tournament management committee, said in London yesterday he hoped it would become a glamorous event to equal — or surpass — the entertainment offered by the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank tournament.

Hedgehogs continue their tour

By Paul Martin

Despite its announced cancellation last week, the unauthorized tour by the South African rugby team, the Hedgehogs, is continuing in the south of England.

The Hedgehogs, whose games have usually been against Second XVs, claim they are to play another match today, with more to follow on Sunday, Tuesday and next weekend. Naturally, they are not disclosing the venues nor their opponents. They have, they say, played three matches since their presence in Britain became publicly known.

"Since the publicity, it's been a matter of us choosing whom to play, we've had so many offers," boasted Andrew Everett, a British subject born in Lesotho and a medical student at the University of Cape Town, who plans to further his studies in Britain. A third of the team, which includes only three first-team players, are UCT students, others recent graduates. The party includes various nationalities but no blacks.

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TENNIS

Fitzgerald and Smid rise to the occasion — by accident

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

John Fitzgerald and Tomas Smid, champions of France and former champions of the United States, gave the Nabisco Masters Doubles a crisp and impressively competent start at London's Royal Albert Hall yesterday. They beat Christo Steyn and Dani Visser, of South Africa, 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in two hours and 16 minutes.

It was only by accident that Fitzgerald and Smid, doubles specialists from Australia and Czechoslovakia respectively, formed what may be described as an "occasional" team. Each turned up for the 1984 US championships without a partner and Smid, looking for somebody to take care of the advantage court, asked Fitzgerald to oblige. They won the tournament.

Fitzgerald had already won the Australian title, with John Alexander, and Smid reached the 1984 French final with his regular Davis Cup partner, Pavel Slozil. Yesterday, their combined experience and doubles skills asked too much of Steyn and the left-handed Visser, a useful team whose 1986 record includes five finals, one of which they won.

The South Africans play together far more often than Fitzgerald and Smid, who did not originally qualify for the Albert Hall, but, having filled a gap in the draw, they must now be regarded as serious contenders for the title.

They know the craft of doubles, understand each other's game and always give 100 per cent — partly because that is the way they are made and partly because they are not quite good enough, at this level, to get away with much less.

Fitzgerald's looks and brisk gait are reminiscent of another fine doubles player, the recently-retired Sandy Mayer. Smid, a big man who always looks slightly surprised, wore pale blue socks yesterday — a sartorial choice at odds with his otherwise macho appearance.

On the other side of the net, Visser wore three white wrappings — one round his head and two round his racket arm. Perhaps he feared disintegration. When feeling particularly frustrated, both Visser and Steyn were prone to swish their rackets angrily across the court surface as if swatting imaginary daisies.

These were interesting men and they played a match that was often dazzling and seldom dull. Even so, the tinkle of cutlery on plates frequently echoed across the elegantly-intimate arena from the boxes where a pampered minority of the public were dining.

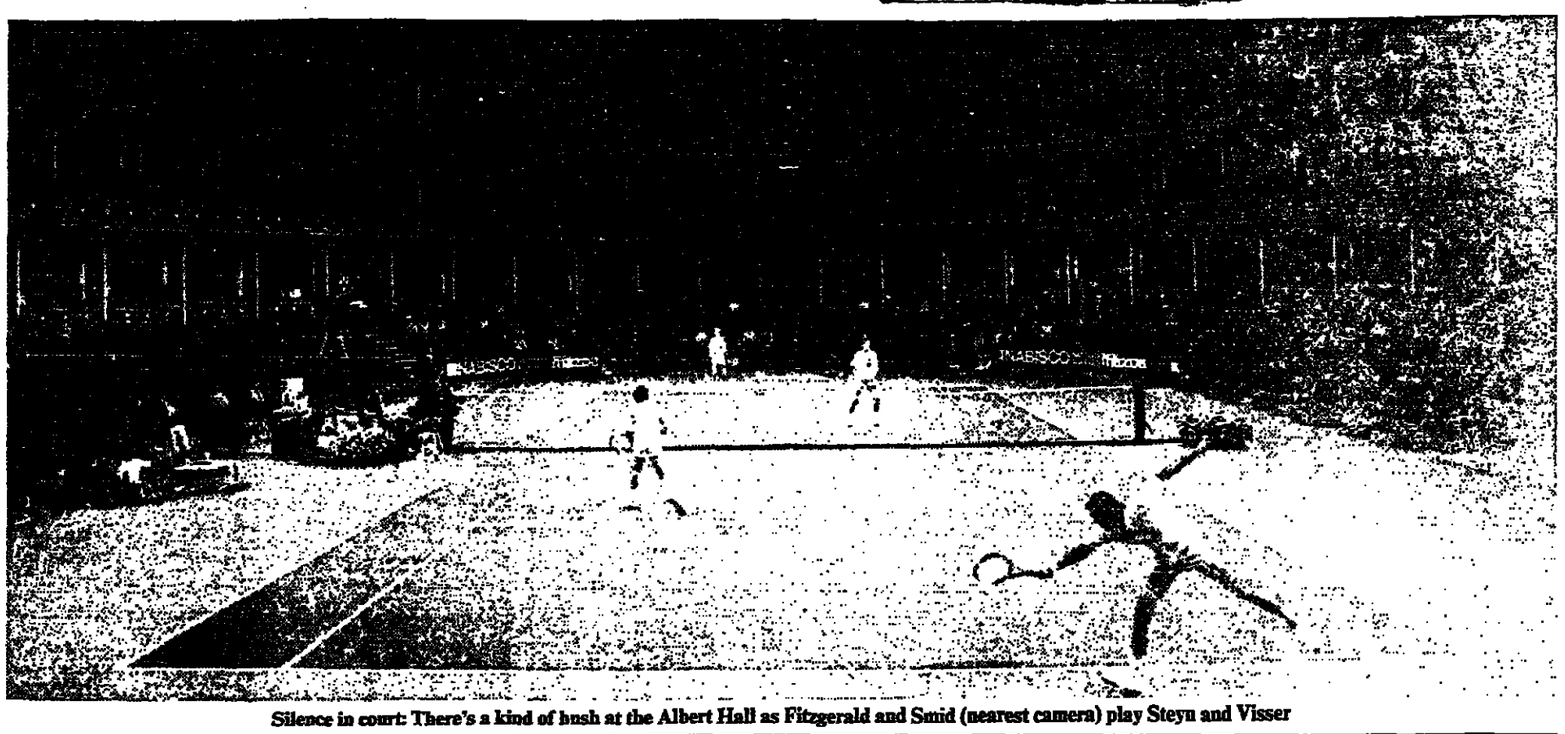
A French colleague, new to the Albert Hall, said that the silences were sometimes so heavy that one might have heard a fly walking across a wall. He found the sports spectacle in sharp contrast with the noble dignity of its setting.

In the second match, Mike DePalmer (one of those puzzling Americans with two capital letters in his surname) and Gary Donnelly beat Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

The Spaniards have won five Grand Prix tournaments this year, but all were on shale and four were not of the highest quality. They beat DePalmer and Donnelly in the Florence final last May, so yesterday's result was revenge of a sort.

The American team's performance was marked by their use of the tandem formation — to inhibit Sanchez when he was returning service on the forehand and by the left-handed DePalmer's occupation of the deuce court. "I can only return service from the back hand side," Donnelly joked.

RESULTS: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and T Smid (CZ) bt C Steyn and D Visser (SA) 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; G Donnelly and M De Palmer (US) beat S Casal and E Sanchez (Sp) 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.



Silence in court: There's a kind of hush at the Albert Hall as Fitzgerald and Smid (nearest camera) play Steyn and Visser

American dream ends, says Canter

From a Correspondent, Stuttgart

Jonathan Canter, the lone American in the Young Masters tournament — after the absence of any Americans in the Masters at Madison Square Garden this week — believes his country's dominance has ended.

"We have no travelling teams in the United States," Canter said. "There is no support system for any of our young players who don't go the college route. There's also a lack of camaraderie. We'll always have good players in the top 50, but we'll never have seven in the top 10 or 50 of the top 100 like in the 70s."

Canter is swamped alongside five players from Sweden, three from West Germany, and even two Soviet players and two Austrians in the 16-man championship for players aged 21 and under. But at least he could hold his own head high yesterday as he won his first round robin match against Andrei Chesnokov, of the Soviet Union, 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Canter, 21, believes American domination has waned because emerging tennis nations have worked harder to develop their players and build better facilities. "We're still amateurs while the rest of the world are pros," he said.

Yesterday, however, Chesnokov, an 'amateur' who must hand all prize money and sponsorships to his country's federation, virtually gave up against Canter after his service was broken at 2-2 in the second set. He never won another game and complained later of suffering from bronchitis. "I had only strength for the first set, that's all," said the world's 37th ranked player through his colleague, Andres Vysand, also aged 20.

Vysand has seen little grand prix tournament action, but once beat Tim Gullikson, the now retired American. "Soon we will be given percentages and follow the lead of the Czechs," said Vysand, pointing out that Czechoslovak players like Lendl and Mandlikova are already multi-millionaires.

RESULTS: Gold group: P Cane (It) bt M Westphal (WG), 6-3, 6-3. Green group: J Svensson (Swe) bt K Novacek (Swe), 6-4, 6-1; J Carlsson (Swe) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-1, 6-3. Red group: J Canter (US) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 3-6, 6-2, 6-0. Blue group: E Jelen (WG) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 7-5.

Scots want world No 1

Ivan Lendl was last night in the middle of a dispute between the British Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and their affiliated counterparts in Scotland.

The dispute has arisen because Lendl has announced he wants to play in Edinburgh immediately before Wimbledon next June in a tournament to be organized by the American-based player-management group, ProServe.

But the LTA said last night they want the tournament banned because the dates would cut across two pre-Wimbledon grand prix tournaments — the Stella Artois at Queen's Club and the Bristol Trophy.

Last night, however, the Scottish LTA were standing firm. Their assistant secretary Gloria Grosset said: "We know the LTA in London aren't too happy about it. We don't want to fall out with them, but at the same time we don't want to miss out on a chance like this for Scotland."

But the LTA were adamant that they would do all in their power to discourage what would amount to an exhibition tournament.

Lendl retains ITF title

The International Tennis Federation have named Ivan Lendl the world champion of men's tennis for the second successive year. Yesterday, he was described as the "outstanding, obvious candidate" by the body's panel members, Fred Perry and Tony Trabert.

The 27-year-old Czechoslovak, who lives in the United States, won two of the three grand slam tournaments during the year — Paris and New York — and was runner-up in the third, at Wimbledon. He was never badly defeated.

Perry and Trabert said that he would have been their choice even if he had lost the final of the Nabisco Masters in New York on Monday, which immediately preceded the award.

YACHTING

BOC fleet lashed by more gales

By Barry Pickthall

Force 11 gales have continued to batter the 19 solo sailors as they head across the seas south of Australia on the second stage of the BOC Round-the-World race. Ham radio operators in Cape Town and Perth heard reports this week from the Frenchman, Jacques de Roux, and Harry Harkimo, of Finland, that both had capsized twice last weekend.

De Roux, who was rescued by Richard Broadhead, the Englishman, in the south Pacific, reported severe damage to his self-steering systems and navigation equipment and is heading north towards calmer waters in an attempt to repair the damage.

Harkimo's 50ft boat, Belmont Finland, rolled twice through 360 degrees, having already capsized once on December 4 when he was washed overboard and saved by his lifeline.

Others in trouble include the two South African entrants, John Martin, winner of the first leg to Cape Town, and BOC veteran Bertie Reid. The two mainsails on Martin's yacht, Tuna Marine Voortrekker, have been blown out and Reid is suffering from an infection. Both are now heading for Albany.

Yesterday, Titouan Lamazou from France, sailing the 60ft Ecureuil d'Aquitaine, was negotiating the notorious Bass Strait between Tasmania and Australia and is expected to reach the finish first on Saturday.

LEADING POSITIONS (with miles to Sydney): 1, T Lamazou (Ecureuil d'Aquitaine), 550; 2, P Jeantot (Credit Agricole III), 662; 3, J-Y Terlain (UAP), 1,054; 4, I Kiernan (Triple M Spirit of Sydney), 1,294; 5, G Bernardin (Biscuits Lu), 1,338.

Hopes for White Crusader rest on an appeal verdict

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

White Crusader may live to fight again. The British team has lodged a protest with the international jury against USA, the yacht that beat them on Monday and effectively knocked them out of semi-final contention.

White Crusader claims USA fitted a new forward fin (the radical USA yacht has a rudder in front of the keel), on the eve of their race. The captain, Tom Blackaller, admitted this at a press conference later, although an audience of journalists did not appreciate the significance.

The British protest is under Rule 27.2 of the Sailing Instructions. It says: "During the period commencing twenty four hours prior to a yacht's first race in each series, and ending three hours after she finishes her last race in that series, a yacht shall not take on or remove ballast or deadweight or make any change affecting measurements on her Certificate of Rating except in circumstances where the measurement committee or the measurer has been unable to obtain a measurement which is considered accurate before the yacht's first race in that series, and changes are necessary to enable the yacht to rate 12-metres or less."

Philip Tolhurst, a lawyer, director of the White Horse Challenge and secretary of the International 12-Metre Association, has flown to Fremantle to conduct the British protest.

"The specific purpose of Rule 27.2 when the regulations for this regatta were drawn up was to prevent any change to a boat during a series," Tolhurst said. "This was following on from the multiple-rating controversy at Newport." In that instance Liberty, sailed by Dennis Conner, had several different certificates and shifted ballast overnight as the weather changed.

It seems USA officials called in the official measurer to check the new fin. However, he is not empowered to legitimize such an operation, merely to certify the yacht still measures as a 12-metre.

The protest, to be heard by the five-man international jury, is the most serious issue yet raised in the Cup elimination trials. With elimination from the Louis Vuitton Cup just around the corner no one doubts the British will take it the distance.

Should the Tom Blackaller-skippered 12-metre be found guilty at today's hearing, he and his crew are expected to forfeit the 36 points gained since the change was made last Friday — points that will then be credited to the yachts she beat, Canada II, Stars and Stripes and White Crusader.

This will lift the British crew into fifth place, one point adrift of America II and provide a nail-biting finish to these round-robin trials.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: Kookaburra II bt Australia IV, 5min 11sec; Kookaburra III bt Steak 'n' Kidney, 26sec.
STANDINGS: Kookaburra III 50pts, Australia IV 38, Kookaburra II 31, Steak 'n' Kidney 9.
TODAY'S RACES: Stars and Stripes v French Kiss; Challenge France v Azzurra (bye); America II v Canada II; Heart of America v Italia; USA v Eagle; New Zealand v White Crusader; Australia IV v Steak 'n' Kidney; Kookaburra III v Kookaburra II.
STANDINGS IF APPEAL IS UPHELD: 1, New Zealand IV, 150 points; 2, Stars & Stripes, 118; 3, French Kiss, 117; 4, America II, 104; 5, White Crusader, 103; 6 equal, USA II and Canada II, 67.

Just which of the two will make the semi-finals will then depend on two close races; the America II/USA match on Saturday and White Crusader's finale against Stars and Stripes on Sunday.

After Tuesday's destruction derby the fickle Indian Ocean weather turned a gentle face to the 12-metre America's Cup yachts yesterday.

Steak 'n' Kidney gave Kookaburra III a very race, adding fuel to the syndicate chairman, Syd Fischer's call for Royal Perth to modify the rules for choosing a defender. At present the Sydney yacht could not qualify no matter how well she performs in the remaining races.

Australia IV was discomfited by the light weather. The Bond syndicate flagship sailed into a hole in the soft breeze during pre-start manoeuvres and crossed the line 33 seconds behind Kookaburra II.

Even allowing for that poor opening it was surprising to see Australia IV lose a further minute up the first beat. Round the mark, Kookaburra surprisingly managed to rip a spinnaker in the early stages of the run but lost little of her lead. Australia IV finished 5mins 11secs adrift.

In the second race Kookaburra III and Steak 'n' Kidney crossed the line together. On the first two legs, Iain Murray, was able to put together a lead of 13 seconds by dint of clever tactical sailing rather than boat speed.

Syd Fischer, the veteran blue-water yachtsman and principal backer of the Sydney yacht, has been vociferous in his criticism of the way the final choice of a defender is arranged. The system of carrying all points forward and taking the highest score would rule out a late-developer like Steak 'n' Kidney. He would prefer a best-of-seven series as in the Louis Vuitton series to find a Challenger.

BOBSLEIGHING

Tout leads Britain's challenge

From Chris Moore
Winterberg

Britain's bobsleigh team scaled new heights last night by finishing with all three crews in the top ten of the opening World Cup four-man race of the season. Stan Tout produced his best performance to take sixth place with Nick Phipps ninth and Tom De La Hunty 10th.

Tout's Army crew of Dave Armstrong, Lenny Paul and Audley Richards underlined their emergence as a genuine force. They were fifth fastest on two of the four laufs and had the sixth quickest time on their final run. But it was their consistently explosive starts which set them apart. They twice lowered the British record start time, clocking a best time of 5.05 seconds.

The gold medal yesterday went to Switzerland's reigning European champion, Hans Hiltebrand.

RESULTS: 1, Switzerland II (Hiltebrand, Fehlmann, Fassbind, Kiser), 3min 44.50sec (55.83sec, 56.11, 56.12, 56.44); 2, East Germany I (Hoppe, Wetzig, Kirchner, Schauerhamr), 3.44.70 (56.47, 56.09, 56.05, 56.15); 3, Austria I (Kienast, Zwerschina, Winkler, Teigl), 3.44.86 (56.01, 56.24, 56.19, 56.42). 6, Britain II (Tout, Armstrong, Paul, Richards), 3.45.66 (56.17, 56.57, 56.36, 56.56); 9, Britain I (Phipps, Power, Thorne, Cearns), 3.46.21 (56.18, 56.51, 56.54, 56.98); 10, Britain III (De La Hunty, Edwards, Robertson, Rattigan), 3.46.86 (56.36, 56.89, 56.70, 56.92).

HOCKEY

Welsh squad lay out the welcome mat

By Sydney Friskin

Wales have invited West Germany, Spain and England to join them in a quadrangular tournament at Swansea towards the end of July as part of the Welsh preparation for the European Championship starting in Moscow on August 20.

The prospect of a match against West Germany looks inviting for England who will decide tomorrow whether to accept Ireland's invitation to play in the Home Countries Championship in July, an event in which both Wales and Scotland have agreed to take part.

Wales are also organising a quadrangular tournament in Cardiff at the end of May or early in June. For this event they hope to be joined by Belgium, France and either Scotland or Ireland all of whom have qualified for the European Championship.

FOOTBALL

Light Blues show the better staying power for a treble

By Marcus Williams

Oxford	3
Cambridge	4

Cambridge gained a measure of revenge for their rugby defeat at Twickenham the previous day when they beat Oxford in a dramatic 103rd University football match, sponsored by St Quintin, at Wembley yesterday.

The Light Blues took the lead twice in the first hour, only for the Dark Blues to hit back almost immediately. But, in a remarkable finish — three goals in the final six minutes — Cambridge finally secured their third successive win.

Two substitutions in the last dozen minutes by the Cambridge and former Army coach, Alf Coulton, proved the decisive tactic as the fresh legs of Craggs and Hinton, combined with the talents of Palmer, who had an outstanding game in midfield, helped their side into a 4-2 lead.

Oxford had time only for a single reply at the end of a game played at the usual stamina-sapping pace.

The schoolboys in the 7,200 crowd made up in noise for their lack of numbers and warmed a crisp December afternoon with vigorous support for one side or the other, belying the fact that few of them probably have links with either university.

They saw Oxford have the better of the opening exchanges, but Cambridge were twice defied by goal-line clearances before they took the lead after 28 minutes. Jenkins put Elliott away on the left, he broke strongly past three tackles and, as his shot bounced into the air off the body of the goalkeeper, Phillips, Bradley gleefully completed its passage into the net with his head.

Four minutes later, Oxford were level. The skilful Harper forged in positively from the right, Bail could only parry his low cross and Hunter, Oxford's hard-working captain, stole in on the blind side to drive the ball home.

A windmilling arm celebrated his achievement as he raced back to the halfway line. What C B Fry and other giants of the past might have felt about that is, perhaps, left unthought.

The Cambridge offside trap made them susceptible to the through-pass, but they survived and the second half was 13 minutes old when they regained the advantage through Bradley, a speculative shot from near the edge of the penalty area looping off the goalkeeper's body into the net.

Within a minute, Oxford produced another brave and powerful riposte when Burns, having waited until his fourth year for his first Blue, headed home a corner at the near post.

Oxford pressed hard for the winner, with the foraging Burns just off target. But it was Cambridge, now fortified by the appearance of their substitutes, who went ahead for the third — and, as it proved, decisive — time. It was one of those substitutes, Craggs, in an unnumbered shirt, who rose to plant Palmer's corner into the net.

In a frantic final five minutes, Oxford threw on both their substitutes, but Cambridge charged away again and, when Hinton was upended just outside the penalty area, Palmer was again involved as he rifled home the free-kick.

Even now, Oxford's spirit did not fail them as Burns headed his second goal from Hunter's corner in injury time, but there were not enough seconds left for another comeback.

Cambridge now lead the series by 44 wins to 37, with 22 matches drawn.

OXFORD: T Phillips (OEGS Blackburn and Magdalen); K Ingram (St Cyres, Penarth and University), sub: R Stokebrand, Lytham St Annes HS and Pembroke), D Plaskett (Rainford HS and Oriel), G Link (Hampton and Pembroke), M Crawley (Manchester GS and Oriel), M Daly (Northolt HS and Pembroke), A Jones (Latymer Upper and St Edmund Hall), D Radkin (St Edward's and Pembroke), T Burns (Bredbury and Pembroke), G Harper (Abingdon and St Edmund Hall, sub: S Woolhouse (Bradfield, Sheffield and Keble), D Hunter (OEGS Blackburn and Oriel, capt).
CAMBRIDGE: P Bail (Millfield and Downing); A Sperling (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall), N Jenkins (Wooton Upper and Robinson), R Stamey (Hampton and Trinity), R Girdlestone (Hampton and St John's, capt), S Palmer (Varndean College and Christ's), S Bradley (Nelson and Colne College and St John's), I McKinnon (Benfield and Girton), C Elliott (Forest and Girton, sub: N Craggs (Longcroft and Selwyn), R Mather (Hampton and Trinity Hall, sub: J Hinton (Beacon and Downing), T Warner (International School, Geneva and Churchill).
Referee: M J Bentman (Huntingdonshire).

Shrewsbury stay on top

Schools football by George Chesterton

For many schools the season is all but over, since in January they turn to other disciplines. Shrewsbury have not lost a match since half term, a period which includes good wins against Repton and Manchester GS. Mark Lascelles, the captain, James Prichard and Martin Griffiths, the last two each scoring 11 goals, have given strength and experience to the side.

Although Wellingborough did not match their previous exceptional season, they were forcefully led by James Bent and recently enjoyed a good 1-0 win over Brentwood, Harvey Thorneycroft scoring his twelfth goal of the season and three days later adding to this in a 2-2 draw at Highgate.

Seth Johnson-Marshall, of Malvern, also had a tally of 13 goals and Hugo Douglas-Pennant, who has been selected for the Independent Schools, netted 11. Their best results were wins over Bradfield and Manchester GS and a 2-2 draw against Shrewsbury.

Lancing won eight of their 15 school matches. Justin Higgo, who was quick to seize on any openings, was their top goalscorer and they were able to rely upon a sound defence.

King Edward's Witley, with a strong experienced side, have enjoyed a good season with several big wins notably against Winchester, Westminster and Victoria College. They have two good forwards in Martin Cope, who has the exceptional record of 20 goals to his credit, and Andrew Poklad.

Aldenham have the good fortune to start their Christmas holiday with a tour to Benidorm in Spain. The highlights of the term for them have been an excellent 4-0 victory over Highgate and a 2-2 draw with Chigwell.

Go-slow

The Paris to Beijing rally is still not a definite date in next year's sporting calendar. The 10,000-mile race is scheduled for late 1987, but no formal agreement has yet been signed between the organizers and the Chinese.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Second round: Cardiff 2, Brentford 0. Second round replays: Bristol City 3, Bath 0; Preston 5, Chorley 0; York City 1, Caernarfon 2.
FULL MEMBERS CUP: Third round: Southampton 1, Norwich 2.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Preliminary round: Aldershot 4, Colchester 2; Blackpool 2, Burnley 3; Doncaster 0, Chesterfield 0; Rotherham 1, Mansfield 1; Swansea 3, Walsall 0; Swindon 3, Orient 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 4, Liverpool 3; Sunderland 2, Leicester City 2; Sheffield Wed 5, Leeds 0; Oldham 4, Middlesbrough 1; Derby 3 Blackburn 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 2, QPR 1; Fulham 1, Reading 3; Portsmouth 3, Bristol Rovers 2.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dallow Cup: First round: Rushden 0, King's Lynn 3; Canterbury 3, Folkestone 0; Bridgnorth 0, Stourbridge 1; Erith and Belvedere 1, Dartford 1; Thanet 1, Dover 1. Postponed: Trowbridge v Poole; Crawley v Ashford; Ruislip v Basingstoke. Premier division: Fisher 1, Fareham 1. Postponed: Redditch v Shepshed.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford 2, Hendon 2; Slough 0, Yeovil 1; Wycombe 2, Wokingham 0. First division: Leaves 1, Leyton Wingate 4. Second division north: Barton 2, Royston 0. Second division south: Dorking 4, Camberley 1; Egham 0 Woking 5; Marlow 2 Horsham 1.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Barrow 2, Southport 1; Marine 3, Rhyl 2.
GMAC CUP: First round: Whitney 0, Harrow 3. First round replay: Tooting and Mitcham 2, Dagenham 2 (Dagenham win on away goals rule). Second round: Wilson 1, Altrincham 1.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Staines 1, Uxbridge 0.
BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Burnham and Hillingdon 1, Newbury 0; Hungerford 2, Bracknell 4.
AC DELCO CUP: Second round replay: Maidenhead Utd 5, Southwick 0.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Witham 1, Chelmsford 0; Wivenhoe 0, Rainham 0.
DUBAI: Exhibition match: Liverpool 1, Celtic 1 (Liverpool won 4-3 on penalties).

Yesterday's results

UEFA Cup
Third round, second leg
Beveren 0, Torino 1 ..... (Torino win 3-1 on agg)
Hajduk Split 0, Dundee United 0 ..... (Dundee United win 2-0 on agg)
Vitoria Guimaraes 3, Groningen 0 ... (Guimaraes win 3-1 on agg)

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BOTHAM'S TORN MUSCLE MAKES HIM '99 PER CENT CERTAIN' TO MISS THE TEST

Whitaker stands by for his first England cap as sixth batsman

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Adelaide

They are having some very strange weather in Adelaide, where England's third Test match against Australia starts tomorrow.

Last weekend's storm – the like of which is thought not to have been seen here since the last century – tore the roof off one of the old red stands that run in a crescent around this lovely ground. Yesterday was unusually cool and windy.

The pitch, on the other hand, looks – and is expected to be – a beauty for batting, and a steep rise in temperature is forecast.

In the ordinary way – and excluding modern West Indian sides – the Adelaide Oval is no place to go into a Test match with only four regular bowlers, especially if one of them is as susceptible to injury as Dilley is. Even so, it is what I think England would be best advised to do tomorrow.

The dilemma is caused by Botham's inability to bowl. Yesterday, he was "99 per cent certain" not to play at all. He has only to cough or sneeze for the torn muscle in his left side to protest.

A succession of huge totals against much the same Australian side might be expected to have left England with enough confidence to make do with five batsmen and Richards at No. 6.

But they have suffered too many disasters in 1986 not to be thinking in terms of protecting their lead in the series and hoping that Botham will be back in action in time for the fourth Test, which starts on Boxing Day.

Which is the lesser risk – to go into the match without a fifth bowler or with a sixth batsman? Preferring the latter, I would choose Small ahead of DeFreitas – because of his greater accuracy – to share *the new ball with Dilley.*

To play a third seamer at the expense of a spinner would be sheer madness and, being two of a four-man attack, Edmonds and Emburey would get plenty of work, which they thrive on. They might even show that there is more to orthodox slow bowling than trying to inhibit the batsman by surrounding him with close fieldsmen.

As the reserve bowler, Gatting would need to pitch the ball up. Against Victoria in the last match, he bowled much too short.

Assuming Botham does not play – and is replaced by a batsman, rather than a bowler – there is a case to be made for both Slack and Whitaker, though Gatting made it seem yesterday as though Slack had already been ruled out.

If so, I am sorry. As he showed in his last appearance for England – when making 127 with Gooch for the first wicket in the first innings against the West Indies in Antigua in April – Slack is made of the right stuff.

He looked to be running into form in Melbourne on Tuesday, and he could bat at No. 3, which no-one else much likes doing.

Whitaker, for his part, must have played splendidly when scoring 108 against South Australia on this same ground in his first first-class innings of the tour.

He has a fine flair for hitting the ball, and the useful confidence to indulge it. Against that, it would be asking a lot of him to do it in his first Test match.

While seeing a bright future for Whitaker, I would plump, on this occasion, for Slack, there being plenty of stroke-makers in the side already, but not too much cement.

It has been a hard three weeks for Australia to pull themselves together after losing the first Test match so badly. When England then won the toss in Perth and scored 592 for eight in their first innings, Australia faced further humiliation.

But they fought their way out of it, and Botham's absence here would give them a further boost. Though Gower and Gatting average 82 and 68 respectively in England's last eight Test matches against Australia, it is Botham whom the Australians most fear.

Australia will go into the match with less apprehension than they did in Perth a fortnight ago. At the same time, if the pitch is as good as it looks to be, it will be a surprise if Australia were to bowl England out twice.

Bright, making his first appearance of the series, is an essentially defensive reinforcement, and Hughes, who comes in to do the work of Lawson and Chris Matthews, would be well short of an Australian side in a good year.

In Perth, Richie Benaud – when he could escape from the commentary box – spent time in the nets coaching and coaxing Greg Matthews and Sleep, both of whom are in Australia's 12 for tomorrow.

The former Australian captain had them bowling with their eyes closed to get them concentrating more on where to pitch the ball – concentration being of no less importance to bowlers than to batsmen.

Ian Chappell, another former Australian captain, has also been giving the Australians the benefit of his experience. It is all hands on deck in the effort to recapture the Ashes!

The curator at the Adelaide Oval sees a high-scoring game in prospect – too high for his liking. For some years, he and other curators have been trying to influence the powers-that-be to make the wearing of spikes compulsory for batsmen – so that the pitch becomes roughed up, not deliberately, but by the normal traffic of a match, and the spinners are brought more into play.

They believe that, when spikes went out and crepe soles came in, which is not a great many years ago, the balance of the game was changed, and they have persuaded the Australian Cricket Board to insist on spikes for all batsmen in next season's Sheffield Shield competition.

When South Australia played Victoria here recently, the latter team's batsmen were ordered to wear spikes by their manager, Ian Redpath. Victoria won and Bright, bowling orthodox left-arm spin, took seven for 112 in 73 overs in the match.

Tomorrow, rubbers will again be the wear of the day.

Waugh on the carpet

Steve Waugh, of Australia, was in hot water yesterday after missing a practice session for tomorrow's third Test.

The New South Wales all-rounder, aged 23, arrived in Adelaide several hours late, having failed to catch a morning plane from Sydney. By then his colleagues had finished their workout.

Five days ago the England captain, Mike Gatting, overslept and missed the start of the tour match against Victoria, for which he was subsequently severely reprimanded.

Waugh, who said his taxi was late, faces a similar ticking off. "He won't be fined but I don't think he'll miss another flight after I've spoken to him," Bobby Simpson, Australia's cricket manager, said.

Opening time? Small may share the new ball with Dilley

TCCB to decide on four-day matches

By Ivo Tennant

An amendment to an original proposal may result in a limited number of four-day championship matches being included in *the fixture list for the 1988* season. A decision is expected to be made today at the Test and County Cricket Board's winter meeting.

It is possible that each county will play six four-day matches and 16 three-day games rather than the present 24 three-day matches. It would mean the Benson and Hedges Cup would be retained, perhaps without quarter-finals as one side, instead of two, would go forward –to the semi-finals – from each zonal group. The other two competitions, the NatWest Trophy and the Refuge Assurance League, would be unchanged.

The original plan for four-day cricket, that each county play eight four-day matches and 16 over three days, met with only lukewarm support at the TCCB's consultative meeting last month. It would have meant doing away with the lucrative Benson and Hedges Cup. Two days after that meeting, the TCCB's executive committee, chaired by Raman Subba Row, came up with this latest suggestion.

The alternative to these two formulae is to maintain the status quo. Alan Smith, the chief executive designate of the TCCB, said yesterday that he felt six four-day matches would be acceptable to the counties. If that programme is agreed upon, *it is likely to be maintained for* three years. Mr Smith said it was unlikely that there would be support for each county playing 16 four-day matches.

Also to be discussed today is a recommendation that the Combined Universities side, hitherto from Oxford and Cambridge, will encompass players from all universities next season. The strength of universities such as Durham in recent years has not gone unnoticed. The side's home grounds for Benson and Hedges Cup matches would continue to be Fenners and The Parks.

The TCCB will discuss scrapping, at the end of the 1989 season, the ruling which permits counties to play two overseas cricketers if they were registered before November 28, 1978. This would affect, at most, three counties. The chances are that most of the players in question will have retired from county cricket by then.

The TCCB are also likely to debate the escalating number of bouncers in Test cricket. It is proposed the United Kingdom delegation put to next year's International Cricket Conference meeting that bouncers be limited to one per over. Support for that is expected from Australia.

Another matter for discussion that will need to be put to the ICC is the phasing out of long run-ups. It is recommended that each bowler's run-up be limited to 30 yards.

Polish for Somerset

Somerset are to set up a working party to investigate all aspects of their management and image in the wake of the row when Viv Richards and Joel Garner, the West Indies captain and fast bowler, were dismissed.

Colin Atkinson, the president, told the club's best attended annual general meeting for many years at Taunton that the working party had yet to be chosen, but would "attempt to clear the air, lead to a reconciliation, and improve the image of the club.

"I feel confident that the committee will re-examine its own performance in the light of some of the more relevant recent comments and take an inward look at its structures and how it conducts business," he said.

One committee change is the appointment of Roy Marshall, the former West Indies Test player and Hampshire opening batsman, as the club's new cricket committee chairman. He has been with the club for 10 years and succeeds Brian Langford.

● Geoffrey Boycott faces a fight to keep his place on the Yorkshire committee. Boycott, aged 46, who is expected to sign for Derbyshire early in the New Year, faces re-election after serving three years as Wakefield's representative, and is opposed by Dr John Turner.

Boycott hopes to fill a dual role by keeping his Yorkshire committee place if the deal with Derbyshire goes through.

ATHLETICS

Indoor razzmatazz and the dollar finally lure Ovett

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Steve Ovett is to change the athletics habit of more than a decade and race indoors in the United States in the new year. Ovett is due to race a road mile in Phoenix, Arizona, on December 31, and return to the United States a month later to run at the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden on January 30, followed by races in Dallas on February 7, New Jersey on February 14 and Los Angeles

When Ovett and Sebastian Coe were at their virtually unbeatable peak five years ago, they turned down several offers to race indoors (or outdoors) in the United States. But although Coe has been a regular indoor runner in Britain, and occasionally on the Continent (he holds the world 800 metres best of one minute 44.91 seconds), Ovett has run little indoors and their record breaking successor, Steve Cram, not at all.

It will be Ovett's first indoor appearances since finishing fifth in the AAA 1,500 metres championship at Cosford on February 1, 1975, a race Ovett recalled yesterday, "which I ran in when I was recovering from a bout of glandular fever. It rather put me off indoor running."

The prize money available in the big American indoor meetings, which, with their brass bands, tiny tracks and huge vociferous crowds, makes for a carnival atmosphere, has evidently helped Ovett change his mind. But he also said: "I've always had an inkling to run indoors in the States. Domestic indoor running is rather second-rate. In the past I've always had my winter commitments to cross-country and road running in Britain. But I've always wanted to do it and I thought that this would be the time before it's too late. And you can't say that you have run indoors in America unless you go to Madison Square Garden."

Ovett, aged 31, has not decided what distances he will be running but conceded that it is more likely to be 2,000/3,000 metres, "rather than anything shorter at that time of year." And it is unlikely to escape the American promoters that Ovett *is still holder of the outdoor* world two miles best of 8min 13.51sec, while Emiel Puttemans, the Belgian, ran the slightly better time of 8:13.2 indoors in 1973.

Ovett described his move up to *5,000 metres last season as, "a* gamble that paid off. It was a big step up and it was good to win one of the titles this summer." Ovett won the Commonwealth title in Edinburgh, in front of Jack Buckner, who went on to *win the European crown in* Stuttgart, with Ovett dropping out of the final because of influenza.

"It took me two weeks to get over that but I picked up by winning a couple of road miles afterwards." Ovett won in Spain and Toronto, before completing his season by finishing second to Peter Elliott in the infamous uphill mile on the streets of San Francisco on October 7.

Ovett will continue commentating for independent television when he is not competing but the target for next year is the second IAAF World Championships in Rome at the end of August. "The thing I need most to do for 5,000 metres is consolidate the training, which is vastly different to training for *the 1,500 metres/mile. It will* probably take two to three years before it pays dividends."

Cheats thrown out of New York marathon

New York (AP) – New York Marathon officials have reportedly disqualified 24 runners for cheating. The *New York Times* reported yesterday that the race director, Fred Lebow, said the disqualified runners, including three of the top 100 finishers in the men's division, did not pass video checkpoints.

Earlier, Antoni Niemczak of Poland, who finished second, was disqualified after he twice tested positive for banned substances. The total of 25 disqualified runners set a New York Marathon record.

The video checkpoints were installed as a result of a 1979 incident in which the American, Rosie Ruiz, finished 24th, but was disqualified for taking the subway during the race.

SKIING

Figini sets the pace

Val d'Isère (Reuter) – Michela Figini, of Switzerland, clocked the fastest practice time here yesterday for the two World Cup downhill races this week which she hopes will put her back on the winning trail.

Figini won big prizes in 1984 and 1985, including the Olympic, world championship and World Cup downhill gold medals as well as the 1985 overall World Cup title and a share of the giant slalom crown. But last season she failed to win a race and finished only sixth overall in the World Cup.

"You have to accept a season like that. It's motivated me for this season and I hope to be up there," she said after yesterday's second timed practice for the first downhills of the women's World Cup season here tomorrow and Saturday.

Figini, aged 20, who was fourth fastest after the opening practice session on Tuesday, clocked one minute 27.15 seconds on the 2,154-metre course, more than a second faster than the rest of the 55-strong field in a session interrupted first by fog and then by safety barrier extensions after Veronika *Vitzthum, of Austria, crashed* near the bottom of the course. Vitzthum got her skis out of line, missed the safety barrier and tumbled into the catch-netting beyond, snapping her right ski in the process. But the Austrian got up again and eventually skied down on her left ski, carrying the broken one in her arm.

Race organizers originally planned two timed practices yesterday but the hold-ups reduced it to one. Figini, third away, was followed home by Anne-Flore Rey, of France, team colleague Heidi Zeller, the Austrian Katrin Gutensohn, who won three World Cup downhills last season, and Debbie Armstrong, the Olympic giant slalom champion from the United States.

FASTEST TIMES: 1, M Figini (Switz), 1min 27.15sec; 2, A-F Rey (Fr), 1:28.59; 3, H Zeller (Switz), 1:28.86; 4, K Gutensohn (Austria), 1:29.06; 5, D Armstrong (US), 1:29.12; 6, H Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:29.17; 7, P A Fletcher (US), 1:29.21; 8, M Walliser (Switz), 1:29.22; 9, B Oertli (Switz), 1:29.40; 10, M Kiehl (WG), 1:29.42.

RAMSAU: Gunde Svan, the world and Olympic champion, won the first Nordic skiing World Cup cross-country race of the season here yesterday at this Austrian resort (AFP reports). The Swede, aged 24, who has won the cup for the last three seasons, clocked 38 minutes 52.20 seconds for the 15km course (freestyle) with Kari Ristanen, of Finland, 25.02 seconds behind and Velgard *Ulvang, of Norway, third in* 39:18.10.

Mariane Dahlmo, of Norway, won the women's 10km race in 30:19.40 ahead of Natalya Furletova, of the Soviet Union, and the East German Susann Kuhsittig.

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D I Gower	6	12	2	354	136	35.40	1	1	9	–
A J Lamb	6	12	0	422	105	35.16	1	3	5	–
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M W Gatting	6	12	1	254	70	21.16	–	2	7	–
P A J DeFreitas	4	7	1	116	40	19.33	–	–	1	–
G R Dilley	4	3	1	33	32	16.50	–	–	1	–
P H Edmonds	6	6	2	60	27	15.00	–	–	6	–
W N Slack	4	8	0	95	35	11.87	–	–	3	–
J E Emburey	5	9	3	71	24	11.83	–	–	2	–
G C Small	5	7	1	62	26	10.33	–	–	3	–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Ave	BB	5I	10M
M W Gatting	57	16	122	6	20.33	4-31	–	–
G C Small	152.3	37	394	16	24.62	5-61	1	–
G R Dilley	139.2	24	421	16	26.31	5-68	1	–
N A Foster	118	33	295	11	26.81	3-29	–	–
I T Botham	133.1	27	377	13	29.00	3-42	–	–
J E Emburey	288.5	86	649	21	30.90	6-102	2	–
P A J DeFreitas	145.4	28	442	13	34.00	4-62	–	–
P H Edmonds	251	75	529	14	37.78	3-37	–	–

Also bowled: C W J Athey 4-0-25-0; A J Lamb 1-1-0-0.

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood.

Adelaide, the greatness and the grind

By Simon Wilde

The Adelaide Oval, venue of the third Test match between Australia and England which begins tomorrow, is widely acknowledged as one of the most beautiful cricket grounds in the world. It is famous for the Mount Lofty Ranges shimmering in the distant sky, the beautiful St Peter's Cathedral which takes the eye heavenward from much closer quarters, and its slow pitches ideal for run-scoring, which has made it a place of worship for many a pilgrim batsman.

There have been 47 individual centuries (20 for England, 27 for Australia) in the 23 Tests played between the two countries at Adelaide since 1884-85, a higher ratio than on any other ground. Most of the greatest batsmen produced by either country have at some stage of their career scored a Test hundred there. Trumper, Hill, Bradman, Morris, Harvey and *Greg Chappell did so for Australia;* Hobbs, Hammond, Compton, Hutton, Boycott and Gower, for England.

England's highest innings on the ground is 187 by Hobbs, who scored three hundreds in his five Tests there, but four Australians have gone on to double-centuries. They include Bradman, who in 1936-37 scored 212, characteristically turning the match in his side's favour. It was his first Test at *Adelaide since moving from* Sydney to make the South Australian city his home. He continues to live there still, a knight of cricket and the prince of runmakers.

Three players have, in addition, made hundreds in each innings at Adelaide. Hammond, during a glorious series in 1928-29, scored 119 not out and 177 there and Compton and Morris performed the feat in the same match but for opposing sides in 1946-47. Several other batsmen have come close.

The most celebrated instance was that of Clem Hill, a native of South Australia and still regarded by many as Australia's finest ever left-handed batsman. In 1901-02, having made 99 in *the previous Test at Melbourne,* Hill returned to Adelaide and scored 98 and 97. Barrington's Test innings on the ground were 63, 132 not out, 60 and 102, and he never failed to make at least 50 in each of the 10 first-class innings he played there.

It was at Adelaide in 1920-21 that, with games in Australia still played to a conclusion and in a period of unparalleled high scoring, England totalled 447 and 370 yet still lost by 119 runs. Two further remarkable contests took place on the following tours. Each lasted seven days; in the first, which realized 1,467 runs, Australia finished victors by just 11 runs; in the second, an aggregate of 1,422 saw England 12 runs to the good.

Adelaide may be a heaven for batsmen but it can be a very hell for bowlers and fielders, because it is also famous for its breathless heat. When England used to play Tests there in January, as they invariably did until their last visit, when the date was brought forward to December, temperatures regularly soared past the hundred mark (the batsmen weren't alone).

A major factor in more than one England defeat was *attributable to their being un*accustomed to these extremities. England's poor record of results at Adelaide, their worst on any ground in Australia, is thus to some extent explained.

In 23 Tests, they have seven wins to show against 13 defeats. They have won just once since 1954-55, which also provided the only occasion England have either won or retained the Ashes at Adelaide. That is something they can repeat if they win there *this time.*

In the past the relentless weather and the trueness of the pitch put a great onus on a team's spinners, whose accuracy and perseverance became crucial; in Adelaide even very good *fast bowlers could only bowl for* so long. Though not as hot as usual in Adelaide, it was partly to give his fast bowlers a rest that Illingworth chose not to enforce the follow-on there in 1970-71, a decision for which he was much criticized when Australia subsequently escaped with a draw.

Although known as the Adelaide Oval, the playing area is actually elongated, with the square boundaries short and the straight boundaries long – perhaps the longest in the world. Clearly this benefits some batsmen more than others but it only compounds the difficulties of the bowlers, particularly the spinners, and it is probably the only serious criticism that can be levelled at the ground.

EQUESTRIANISM

Charles to seek rise in ratings

By Jenny MacArthur

Peter Charles will attempt to reinstate himself at the top of the European League for the FEI Volvo World Cup at theInternational Show Jumping Championships, which start this evening at Olympia in London.

The highlight of the five-day show is Sunday's World Cup qualifying round, involving the 19 British and 14 foreign riders at the show. With only two – Charles and Nick Skelton – in the top 15 in the league, the British need points to qualify for the final in Paris in April.

Charles, riding April Sun, rose to the top of the league after his three-week tour of North America in November. He dropped to second after West Germany's Paul Schockemohle won in Brussels a fortnight ago, then dropped to sixth when Pierre Durand, the Frenchman, won at Bordeaux last weekend.

Durand is not competing this weekend because there is a national championship in Paris, but Schockemohle will be there.

Charles' main rivals are likely to come from nearer home. Chief among them could be John Whitaker, whose nine-year-old, Next Milton, showed superb form in Bordeaux, where they finished eighth. Skelton rides Raffles Airborne, who is short on experience but not courage.

No British rider will be more determined than Malcolm Pyrah. He had a disappointing outing in Bordeaux on Towerlands Diamond Seeker, but on Sunday will ride his top horse, Towerlands Anglezarke, which makes a habit of hitting top form when it matters.

Princess Anne and her FEI predecessor, Prince Philip, yesterday (Photograph: James Gray)

Gucci to sponsor the Nations' Cup

Princess Anne was voted in to succeed her father, the Duke of Edinburgh, as president of the Fédération Equestre Internationale after a unanimous show of hands from the delegates of the 85 member-countries at the FEI's general assembly in London yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

When Prince Philip asked if anyone opposed her election, there was no response. "No?" he exclaimed. "Well, you've done better than I did!"

Count Dieter Landsberg-Velen, the FEI's first vice-president, then expressed the federation's "sincerest and heartfelt gratitude to Prince Philip for the 22 years he has worked for the benefit of the FEI and equestrian sports".

His offer to the Duke of the federation's honorary presidency was accepted.

Apart from the change of president, the most interesting news to emerge at yesterday's opening session – the assembly continues today – was the announcement that Gucci are to take on the overall sponsorship of the Nations' Cup event. They are putting in 900,000 Swiss francs (about £376,500) the first year, 1.5 million the second year and two million the third.

It is the first time that there has been an overall sponsor for the Nations' Cup, whose annual trophy will now revert to its former name of the President's Cup. Prince Philip said his own trophy would be awarded for a completely separate competition.

BOXING

Chitlada and Payakarun retain titles

Bangkok (Reuter) – Sot Chitlada and Samart Payakarun, both of Thailand, scored victories last night over Mexican challengers to retain *their World Boxing Council* (WBC) titles.

Chitlada took a unanimous points decision over Gabriel Bernal to retain his flyweight crown, while super-bantamweight champion, Samart, held on to his title by knocking out Juan "Kid" Meza with only 16 seconds to go

Bernal, aged 30, attacked from start to finish but proved too slow for Sot, who scored as he backpeddled with crisp, clean punches. Bernal worked better in clinches but Sot, aged 24, side-stepped and ducked out of trouble each time.

"Sot has improved. He was faster and better than me," said Bernal from his dressing room after his third title bout against Sot. Bernal lost the crown to Sot in 1984 by a split decision and the Thai drew with Bernal to retain it in 1985. Bernal said he was "robbed" by judges in Bangkok both times.

Meza, also aged 30, met his end when Samart flashed a left to his jaw. Samart dominated his fight from the start. He bloodied his opponent's nose in the second and seventh rounds, opened up a cut above the left eye in the eighth and sent him tumbling to the canvas twice.

In the final round, Meza showed almost total exhaustion, *flailing away impotently at* Samart. Face bloodied and lips bruised, Meza told reporters he got careless going for a knock out and "Samart took me by surprise". Meza, a former WBC super-bantamweight title holder, was the first to challenge Samart, aged 24, who won the crown from Lupe Pintor, of Mexico, last January.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

KORAC CUP: Quarter-finals: Split: Barcelona (Sp) bt Jugoplastika Split (Yug), 86-77. Asvel: Partizan Belgrade (Yug) bt Marlembourg (Bel), 89-82. Sibenik: Limoges (Fr) bt Sibenka (Yug), 108-104.
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP: Mechelen: Cibona Zagreb (Yug) bt Racing Mechelen (Bel), 121-98. Second: Juventus Badalona (Sp) bt NHKG Ostrava (Czech), 110-89.
NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 122, Cleveland Cavaliers 98; Sacramento Kings 120, New Jersey Nets 107; Los Angeles Lakers 113, New York Knicks 87; Chicago Bulls 109, Denver Nuggets 100; Portland Trail Blazers 120, San Antonio Spurs 104; Phoenix Suns 109, Golden State Warriors 94.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 2, Swindon 0; Charlton 3, Norwich 1.
MANCHESTER: Guinness Skoda tournament: Group B: Manchester City 0, Aston Villa 1; Arsenal 2, Aston Villa 1; Nottingham Forest 4, Luton 1; Luton 4, Newcastle 4.
DUBAI: Exhibition Match: Liverpool 1, Celtic 1. Liverpool won 4-3 on penalties.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round replay: Wealdstone 4, Hampton 2.

HANDBALL

THE HAGUE: Women's World Championships: Group one: USSR 27, Netherlands 17; Austria 20, East Germany 25; Yugoslavia 19, Hungary 18. Group two: Norway 29, South Korea 16; Czechoslovakia 19, West Germany 13; China 24, Romania 32. Playoff groups: Poland 18, Japan 16; United States 11, France 21.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NFL): Detroit Red Wings 5, Buffalo Sabres 2; Philadelphia Flyers 6, Vancouver Canucks 3; St Louis Blues 4, Quebec Nordiques 1; Washington Capitals 4, New Jersey Devils 2; Edmonton Oilers 3, Minnesota North Stars 2; Los Angeles Kings 7, New York Islanders 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

UNDER 19 TOUR MATCH: Yorkshire League 1, Australia 24.

RUGBY UNION

Penarth 4, Pontypridd 24.

SKIING

RAMSAU: World Cross-Country Cup: Women's 10km: 1, M Dahlmo (Nor), 30min 19.4sec; 2, N Furletova (USSR), 30.30.1; 3, S Kunfalvi (EG), 30.53.7; 4, N Korolyova (USSR), 30.55.8; 5, G Nestler (EG), 30.57.4; 6, A Reazova (USSR), 30.58.9. Men's 15km: 1, G Svan (Swe), 38min 52.2sec; 2, K Reterahn (Fin), 39.17.4; 3, V Ulvang (Nor), 39.18.1; 4, P Harvey (Can), 39.19.3; 5, V Sakhnov (USSR), 39.23.0; 6, T Wassberg (Swe), 39.25.8.

SNOOKER

NORTHAMPTON: Holmeister World Doubles: Quarter-finals: M Hallett (Eng) and S Hendry (Scot) bt J Parrott and N Foulds (Eng) 5-1.

TABLE TENNIS

TOKYO: Euro-Asia tournament: Men: (At Bofu): Asia 5, Europe 2: J Waldner (Swe) bt K Song-Hu (N Kor), 21-19, 19-21, 21-16; Tang Yi (China) bt A Grubba (Pol), 21-16, 21-16; Yang Jianhua (China) bt J Persson (Swe), 21-14, 21-19; Waldner bt Teng, 21-18, 21-13, 21-11; Kim bt Persson, 23-21, 21-16; Yang bt Grubba, 14-21, 21-15, 21-11; Teng bt Persson, 21-11, 21-14. (At Kurume): Europe 5, Asia 4: Jiang Jialiang (China), bt L Kucharski (Pol), 21-14, 14-21, 21-9; M Appelgren (Swe) bt Chu Jong Chol (N Kor), 21-18, 18-21, 21-18; E Lindh (Swe) bt Chen Longcan (China), 21-12, 21-19; Jiang bt Appelgren, 21-17, 21-11; Chen bt Kucharski, 21-14, 21-12; Lindh bt Chu, 21-11, 14-21, 21-12; Chen bt Appelgren, 21-7, 21-19; Lindh bt Jiang, 21-17, 21-19; Kucharski bt Chu, 21-18, 24-22. (At Sega): Europe 5, Asia 1: A Mazunov, (USSR) bt A Jae Kyung (S Kor), 21-17, 19-21, 21-16; T Klampar (Ham) bt Y Meyazaki (Jap), 18-21, 21-8, 21-19; Z Kalinic (Yug) bt Yoo Nam Kyu (S Kor), 17-21, 21-16, 21-19; Klampar bt Ahn, 13-21, 21-13, 21-15; Yoo bt Mazunov, 21-18, 21-23, 21-16; Kalinic bt Miyazaki, 21-14, 17-21, 21-16. (At Akita): Asia 5, Europe 2: Wu Hsin-Chia (Taiwan) bt J Pansky (Czech), 19-21, 22-20, 21-19; K Matsuzuda (Jap) bt Z Kriston (Hun), 13-21, 21-18, 21-19; J Secretin (Fr) bt Kim Ki-Taek (S Kor), 21-14, 21-13; Wu bt Kriston, 21-10, 22-20; Kim bt Pansky, 17-21, 21-16, 21-7; Secretin bt Matsushita, 21-17, 21-16; Kim bt Kriston, 21-11, 21-15. Women: (At Bofu): Asia 5, Europe 0: Li Bunhua (China) bt S Bettnic (Yugi, 21-14, 21-12; Jiao Zhimin (China) bt D Guergueltchava (Bul), 24-22, 19-21, 21-7; Dai Lili (China) bt L Bellinger (GB), 21-13, 21-9; Li bt Guergueltchava, 21-19, 21-12; Dai bt Bettnic, 21-17, 20-22, 21-12. (At Kurusse): Asia 5, Europe 0: Cho Jong Hui (N Kor) bt M Klappenburg (Neth), 21-15, 21-16; Li Huifang (China) bt S Wikonsson (Swe), 21-5, 21-13; Kiyomi Ishida (Jap) bt S Thirlet (Fr), 21-14, 21-12; Li bt Klappenburg, 21-14, 21-19; Cho bt Thirlet, 21-14, 21-17. (At Sega): Asia 5, Europe 0: M Hoshino (Jap) bt F Bulatova (USSR), 24-22, 15-21, 21-13; Lee Kyo-sun (S Kor) bt M Hrachova (Czech), 21-11, 20-22, 21-8; Hyun Jung-hwa (S Kor) bt S Greiberg (Fin), 12-21, 21-9, 21-15; Hoshino bt Bulatova, 21-11, 21-15; Hyun bt Bulatova, 21-9, 21-13.

TENNIS

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, Y Noah (Fr); 5, S Edberg (Swe); 6, H Leconte (Fr); 7, J Nystrom (Swe); 8, J Connors (US); 9, M Mecir (Cz); 10, A Gomez (Ec).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Everton v Aston Villa. Second division: West Bromwich Albion v Bolton.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: *Bill Dallow Cup* (7.30): First round: Fareham v Andover.
FA YOUTH CUP (7.30): Second round: Bournemouth v Brighton.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Staffordshire championships (Chaslyn Hay SC, Cannock).
EQUESTRIANISM: Olympia Horse Show (Olympia, London).
SNOOKER: Holmeister World Doubles tournament, final stages (Derngate Centre, Northampton).
TENNIS: Nabisco Masters Doubles championship (Albert Hall, London).

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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The smooth road that leads to Whitehall

CHOICE

●Perhaps it might be pitching it a bit high to say that at the end of last week's segment of the extended 40 Minutes documentary about Civil Service hopefuls being stretched on the rack of a selection board, we were left biting our nails with tension to find out which candidates, if any, will stagger out at the end of tonight's concluding instalment (BBC2, 9.30) with their Whitehall job prospects still in good working order. None the less, part one — *The Chosen Few* — put its finger on some uncomfortable flaws in both torturer and victim, and so does tonight's film, *The Final Board*. The disillusioned woman candidate in the waiting room who comes to the conclusion that they don't like principles in the Civil Service, could be accused of being simplistic, but there are moments in the interrogation of the passionate anti-nuclear candidate Timothy Cooke, for example, when the clear impression comes over that only the politically neutered stand a chance of ever being selected. In fairness to the panel of assessors, it must also be said that after Louise Alliott (foreign Civil Service hopeful) has ground to a halt when asked how she would resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, one humane assessor makes the point that it was scarcely fair to expect her to do anything else considering that it was then 5.30pm and she had had an exhausting day, and in any case, the Middle East problem had been around for quite a long time. I suspect that no two viewers will come to the same conclusion about the Whitehall picture painted in this *40 Minutes* documentary, but so far as the selection procedure is concerned, there is little doubt in my own mind that, all else being equal, quality of intellect takes second place to smoothness of presentation.

● History student Andrew Miller, presenting his case in this week's *Open Space* film **A Voyage Round the Monarchy** (BBC2, 7.50pm), argues that thanks to the media, the institution of monarchy has been put beyond criticism. Institution is the operative word here. What he is getting at is that nobody seems seriously to have questioned the desirability of republicanism as an alternative. Well, *Open Space* tonight supplies a forum, and the arguments are pretty well what you would expect: the monarchy is socially divisive (Piers Brandon); reactionary and right-wing (Willie Hamilton); a symbolic way of preventing us from thinking about other ways to run the country (Rosalind Brunt, centre for popular studies, Sheffield Polytechnic); a hype to boost tourism (Roundhead in a re-staging of the Civil War). The Australian journalist Philip Knightley says he thinks that television has probably saved the Royal Family. If he is right, *A Voyage Round the Monarchy* will leave things exactly as they are.

● Radio highlights: Mrs Thatcher is guest of the week in **Woman's Hour** (Radio 4, 2.00pm); Mayumi Fujikawa is soloist in the BBC SO performance of the Beethoven Violin Concerto (Radio 3, 8.20pm); and Robert Graves's **The Shout** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is no less frightening on radio than it was on the cinema screen, in Skolimowski's 1979 film.

Peter Davalle

Cabaret dancers in suburban Bombay: India Cabaret, on Channel 4, 10.30pm

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.30 **News** headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55 Weather.
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton with investigate consumer complaints 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News.
9.05 **Day to Day.** A topical subject discussed by Robert Kilroy-Silk, guests, the studio audience, and 'phone-in viewers 9.45 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with advice on the Social Security Act 10.00 **News** and weather 10.05 **Neighbours.** (r)
10.25 **Phillip Schofield** with children's television programme news, and birthday greetings 10.30 **Play School.** (r) 10.50 **Pinny's House.**
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Diana Quick with a thought for the day 11.00 **News** and weather 11.05 **Food and Drink.** (r)11.35 **Open Air.** Viewers air their views of television programmes. (news and weather at 12.00)
12.25 **Comesday Detectives.** Paul Coia presents the first quarterfinals of the quiz about Britain for teams 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. 1.25 **Neighbours.** The police arrive at the Forbes' farm with bad news 1.50 **Animal Fair.** (r)
2.00 **Film: Robbery Under Arms** (1957) starring Peter Finch, Ronald Lewis and David McCallum. Adventures of a gang of thieves in mid-19th century Australia who expand their area of activity to encompass cattle rustling and bank robbery. Directed by Jack Lee 3.40 **Cartoon.**
3.50 **Scratchy and His Tea-time Telly 4.05 The All New Popeye Show 4.15 Odysseus the Greatest Hero of Them All.** Tony Robinson with another tale of derring-do from Greek mythology 4.30 **Galloping Galaxies!** with Kenneth Williams.
4.55 **Newsround** presented by Roger Finn 5.05 **Blue Peter** with money-saving ideas for Christmas presents. (Ceefax)
5.35 **Masterteam.**
6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Top of the Pops** introduced by Janice Long and Steve Wright.
7.30 **EastEnders.** Den asks Pete's advice on the plans he is making and receives a blunt answer. (Ceefax)
8.00 **Tomorrow's World.** Judith Hann reports on a United States supermarket chain that offers customers the chance to select the sex of their next child when they spend more than $50. Plus, news of an advance in Vermouth distilling; a plastic that dissolves in water; a Le Mans 24-hour race simulator; a 12-wheel drive lorry; and a new type of liferaft.
8.30 **A Question of Sport.** David Coleman introduces the first of a new series. Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont are joined by Dennis Andries, Fatima Whitbread, Derek Bell, and Joe Johnson. (Ceefax)
9.00 **News** with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **Just Good Friends.** Vince and Penny are on a collision course. (Ceefax)
10.00 **Question Time.** Sir Robin Day's guests are Ken Livingstone, Katharine Whitehorn, and MPs Charles Kennedy and John Patten.
11.00 **International Show Jumping** from the Grand Hall, Olympia. David Vine introduces coverage of the Crosse and Blackwell Turkey Stakes.
12.10 **Weather.**

Two Whitehall hopefuls: Louise Alliott and Timothy Cooke. They face their toughest test in Forty Minutes, BBC2, 9.30pm

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**
12.30 **Design and Innovation.** An Open University production examining local public reaction when a proposal to build a tidal barrage at Weston-Super-Mare was announced. 12.55 **Ceefax.**
2.00 **News** and weather. 2.02 **Color Rhapsody.** Two cartoons. (r)
2.20 **Motives.** Dr Anthony Clare in conversation with Petula Clark.
3.00 **News** and weather.
3.03 **Newsnight Afternoon** reviews the week's news and eavesdrops on Prime Minister's Question Time.
3.50 **News** and weather followed by regional news and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** The guests include antiques expert Tony Curtis, and Samantha Fox.
4.30 **Look Stranger.** A profile of Raymond Francombe, a jobbing gardener and composer of sacred music, from Bristol. (r)
5.00 **Domesday Detectives.** A repeat of the programme shown on BBC 1 at 12.25.
5.30 **Film 86** with Barry Norman. (r)
6.00 **Star Trek.** Captain Kirk and Mr Spock are caught up in a time transporter that takes them to their hearts' desire. Kirk ends up in Merrie England; Spock in the Ice Age. (r)
6.45 **What on Earth..?** Wildlife quiz presented by Jeremy Cherfas. This week's experts are Sheila Anderson, David Macdonald, Clive Catchpole, and Peter Ferns.
7.10 **International Golf.** Highlights of the final day's play in the 1985 Ryder Cup at the Belfrey, coverage of which won the Golden Ring of Lausaunne.
7.50 **Open Space: A Voyage Round the Monarchy.** Andrew Miller, a history student at Stirling University, argues that if media coverage of the monarchy was like usual coverage, the Royal Family would not be held in the esteem and affection that it is. (see Choice)
8.20 **Brass Tacks: Lambs to the Slaughter?** Reporter Gerry Northam examines where the experts went wrong in their assessment of the effects of the Chernobyl fallout on sheep in the Lake District and Scotland, and examines the long-term consequences of the nuclear accident.
9.00 **Entertainment USA.** Jonathan King is is Tulsa, Oklahoma, where among the places he visits is the Oral Roberts University, and among those he meets are Huey Lewis and Duane Eddy.
9.30 **40 Minutes.** The second and final part of the documentary examining Civil Service selection. (see Choice) (Ceefax)
10.10 **Phil Silvers' Bilko** becomes unwittingly engaged to the long-suffering Joan when the jewellers send her a ring instead of a bracelet. (r)
10.35 **Newsnight 11.20 Weather.**

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6.15 **TV-am: Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. The After Nine guests include David Essex, Margaret Hayles, Claire Rayner and, at 9.17, Lizzie Webb with exercises.
9.25 **Thames news** headlines followed by **Roger Ramjet.** (r).
9.35 **Film: Custer of the West** (1966) starring Robert Shaw, Mary Ure and Robert Ryan. Romanticised story of the events leading to the slaughter of General Custer and his men at Little Big Horn. Directed by Robert Siodomak. 11.50 **Wattoo Wattoo.** (r)
12.00 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** narrated by Ringo Starr. (r) 12.10 **Puddle Lane.** Puppet series 12.30 **The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the Forties.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin 1.20 **Thames news.**
1.30 **Falcon Crest.** Jayne Wyman stars as the matriarch of a California vinyard-owning dynasty 2.25 **Home Cookery Club. Party Pieces.**
2.30 **Daytime.** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on transplant surgery. Among those taking part are Geoffrey Koffman, Dr David Hill, and Vernon Coleman. 3.00 **Take the High Road** 3.25 **Thames news** headlines 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **The Raggy Dolls** 5.10 **The Telebugs** 4.20 **Running Loose.** Adventures of eight inner-city children on a camping holiday in the English countryside. (Oracle) 4.45 **Dangermouse.**
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart 6.00 **Thames news.**
6.25 **Help!** News of government sponsored schemes for the unemployed.
6.35 **Crossroads.**
7.00 *Emmerdale Farm.* A stranger takes an interest in Dolly Skilbeck.
7.30 **Film: The Outlaws** (1984) starring Christopher Lemmon and Charles Rocket. A made-for-television, tongue-in-cheek chase adventure about two young men who find themselves in prison. The film follows their attempts to escape and when successful, their efforts to stay one step ahead of the law. Directed by James Frawley
9.00 **Girls on Top.** Comedy series about three girls who share an apartment in an impoverished titled lady's home. Starring Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders, Ruby Wax, and Joan Greenwood. (Oracle)
9.30 **This Week.** In this first of two programmes Jonathan Dimbleby examines the dilemma facing a National Health Service that is stretched to breaking point. An eminent health economist claims that doctors make life and death decisions in ways that are becoming increasingly arbitrary and unjust, using the situation to whip-up public emotion in order to raise funds, rather than assessing how limited resources could best be used.
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 **Snooker.** The first semifinal of the Hofmeister World Doubles introduced by Dickie Davies from the Derngate Theatre, Northampton. The commentators are John Pulman, Dennis Taylor, Rex Williams, Ray Edmonds, and Mark Wildman.
12.15 **Life Styles of the Rich and Famous.** Victoria Principal.
12.40 **Night Thoughts.**

Edward Everett Horton in, and as, The Man in the Mirror, the Hollywood comedy on Channel 4, 5.00pm

CHANNEL 4

1.45 **Their Lordships' House.** A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.
2.00 **Snooker.** The first semifinal of the Hofmeister World Doubles, introduced by Dickie Davies from the Derngate Theatre, Northampton.
4.30 **Countdown.** The first quarterfinal of the words and numbers game pits the number one seed, Harvey Freeman, against Elizabeth Jardine, seeded eight. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by Gyles Brandreth as adjudicator.
5.00 **Film: The Man in the Mirror"** (1936) starring Edward Everett Horton, Genevieve Tobin, and Alastair Sim. A hen-pecked husband, with a dull job, has his life enhanced when his image steps out of a mirror and begins to re-organise his life in a more satisfactory manner. Directed by Maurice Elvey.
6.30 **Union World** presented by Trevor Hyett includes a film report from Mansfield on the controversy surrounding Alan Meale, the NUM backed Labour Party candidate, not endorsed by the UDM who are threatening to put forward their own candidate. Plus, an interview with Ken Gill.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Beatrice Hollyer includes a behind-the-scenes investigation of safety at Sellafield.
7.50 **Comment.** With her views on a topical subject is Julia Hausermann, director of a recently formed international humanitarian movement, Rights and Humanity. **Weather.**
8.00 **A Closer Encounter.** Dr Horace Dobbs, director of International Dolphin Watch, who has spent his life researching the habits of dolphins, visits a wild dolphin among the rocks of the Atlantic coast of Brittany. (r)
9.00 **Oh Madeline.** American domestic comedy series
9.30 **Blood Red Roses.** Part two of the three-episode biography of Bessie McGuigan, a fighter for workers' rights. Starring Elizabeth MacLennan. (Oracle)
10.30 **India Cabaret.** A documentary exploring the double standards of modern Bombay.
11.30 **Rejoice.** Candy Devine's guests include Five Minus One, Crossfire, Garth Hewitt, and Professor Roy McClelland of the Department of Mental Health at Belfast City Hospital.
11.55 **Relative Strangers.** Comedy series about a father and the son he never knew he had. Starring Matthew Kelly and Mark Farmer. (r)
12.25 **Their Lordships' House.** Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords presented by Jackie Ashley. Ends at 12.40.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 'So You Think You Know...' 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 8.30-9.00 Joy to the World. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional News Magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 8.30am-8.55 Masterteam. 8.55-9.00 Interval.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.45 School Rule Book 11.30-12.00 Out and About 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Fifty, Fifty 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00-7.30 That's My Boy 12.15am Pasco Profile. Close.

BORDER As London except: 9.30am Cartoon 9.35 Sesame Street 10.35-12.00 Film: Bang 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.00 Parlour Game 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.15am Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Professor Kizzel 9.35 Arequipa 10.05 Levitas Man 10.55 Labyrinth 11.15-12.00 Race Around Britain 12.30pm-1.00 Contact 1.30-2.30 The Baron 6.00 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 News 12.15am Jobfinder 1.15 Close.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Granada Reports 9.30 Flora and Fauna 9.40 Blondie 10.55 Aubrey 11.00 Runaway Island 11.25-12.00 Connections 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.15am Close.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Beyond 2000 11.10-12.00 Fall Guy 1.20 News 1.30-2.25 Country Practice 6.00-6.35 News 10.30 West This Week 10.55 Weekend Outlook 11.00 Snooker 12.15am Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Poseidon Flies 11.20 World of Stories 11.30-12.00 Fireball XL5 1.20pm News 1.30 Scarecrow and Mrs King 2.25-2.30 Sorley Maclean at 75 3.00-4.00 The Baron 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 7.00-7.30 Take The High Road 12.15am Late Call, close.

TSW As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 World of Stories 9.40 Short Story 10.35 Wrong Note 11.30-12.00 Amici Dance 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Tucker's Witch 5.00 Today South West 6.35-7.30 Knight Rider 12.15am Postscript, close.

TVS As London except: 9.25am Cartoon 9.35 Sesame Street 10.30 Henson's Place 11.25 Aubrey 11.30-12.00 Captain Scarlet 1.20pm News 1.30 Actaon! 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest 3.30-4.00 Country GP 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 12.15am Untouchables 1.15 Company, close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Nature of Things 9.55 Film: Beau Brummell 11.40-12.00 Larry The Lamb 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 12.15am Certainty of Knowing, close.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Old House, New House 10.50 Paint Along with Nancy 11.15-12.00 Island Wildlife 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30-2.30 Fall Guy 3.30-4.00 Different Strokes 5.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Police Six 10.30 Counterpoint 11.00 Snooker 12.15am Show Express 12.40 News, close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am World of Stories 9.40 Short Story 10.35 Wrong Note 11.30-12.00 Care Bears 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.30-2.30 Yellow Rose 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.15am Film: Vengeance 12.45 Close.

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Radio 3

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF.
6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Concert: Van Bree (Allegro for four string quartets: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields), Vivaldi (Trio in C, RV 82: Parley of Instruments), Rachmaninov (Preludes in E flat minor, Op 23 and G flat, Op 23 No 10: Ashkenazy), Respighi (Feste romance: Philadelphia). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued) Nielsen (Maskarade overture: Gothenburg SO), Wagner (Dawn and Siegfried's Rine Journey, Gotterdammerung, transcribed by Glen Gould: played by Gould, piano), Krommer (Partita in F, Op 57: Netherlands Wind Ensemble), Bach (Concerto in D minor, BWV 1063: English Concert/with Gilbert, Pinnock and Mortensen, harpsichords). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Rossini. The Paris years. Excerpts from Petite messe solonnelle (Netherlands Chamber Choir/ Jos van Immerseel and Wyneke Jordans, pianos, Leo Van Doeselaar (harmonium) and singers including Mirelle Capelle, Catherine Patriasz, Jelle Draijer and Joseph Cornwell. The Mass was first performed in Paris in March 1864.
10.00 Jana Frenklova: piano recital. Mozart (Sonata in A minor, K 310), Chopin (Sonata in B minor, Op 58)
10.55 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With Ian McDougall (r)
11.15 BBC Scottish SO (under Jerzy Maksymiuk), with Silvia Marcovici (violin). John Maxwell Geddes (Voyager), Bartok (Violin Concerto No 2), Franck (Symphony in D minor). 1.00 News
1.05 New London Consort (under Philip Pickett). Carmina burana (songs from the original 13th century manuscript)
2.00 Poulenc and York Bowen: Malcolm Messiter (oboe), John Lenehan (piano). Poulenc (Sonata), York Bowen (Sonata)
2.30 Carl Maria von Weber: the three-act opera Der Freischutz. Sung in German. (Dresden State Orchestra,under Carlos Kleiber/Leipzig Radio Chorus). The principals include Peter Schreier, Theo Adam, Gundula Janowitz, Edith Mathis, Bernd Weikl, and Gerhard Paul (spoken role). Acts one and two. Interval reading at 4.00. Act three at 4.05
4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Natalie Wheen presents a selection of recorded music
6.30 Bandstand: National Youth Band of Wales (under Major H A Kenney). Howells (Pageantry), Sparke (Land of the long white cloud)
7.00 In the Underworld: Tony Gould in conversation with the Irish-American writer William Kennedy whose book Ironweed won a Pulitzer Price
7.30 BBC SO (under David Atherton). With Mayumi Fujikawa (violin). Part one. Beethoven (Prometheus overture), Tippett (Symphony No 4)
8.05 One Pair of Ears: the week's music on radio, surveyed by Malcolm Hayes
8.20 Concert (part two): Beethoven (Violin Concerto)
9.10 The Other Woman: Margaret Robertson reads the short story by Colette, in Joanna Richardson's translation
9.20 Portuguese Keyboard Music: Melvyn Tann (harpsichord), Fr Manuel de Santo Elias (Sonata in E flat), Seixas (Sonata in C major), F X Baptista (Sonata in C minor), José de Sant'Ana (Sonata in D minor), Seixas (Sonata in G minor)
10.00 Music in Our Time: Andrew Bell and Julian Jacobson (pianos), and the Berne Quartet. York Holler (Diaphonie, for two pianos), Klaus Huber (Quartet No 2), John Casken (Salamandra), Helmut Lachenmann (Gran torso)
11.20 First Night: King Lear, at the Olivier Theatre, is reviewed by John Elsom.
11.30 Palestrina: Tallis Scholars (under Peter Phillips) perform Missa: Nasce la gioia mia
11.57 News 12.00 Music
12.25 Test Match: Australia v England, Third Test. Live from Adelaide. The openingsession. The commentators: Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Jim Maxwell and Neville Oliver. Comments by Norman O'Neill. Until 2.35am.

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather: Travel.
9.00 News. 9.05 In Business. Magazine for the business world.
9.30 The Natural History Programme: Lionel Kelleway looks at the Forestry Commission's wildlife conservation initiatives. Fergus Keeling talks to some birds.Also taking part is Phil Drabble.
10.00 News; Medicine Now: The health of medical care.The presenter is Geoff Watts (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Rent-a-Sis, by Don McLean.The reader is Don Maclean
10.45 An Act of Worship. From Broadcasting House. (s).
11.00 News; Travel; Analysis: Men of Property. Just over half of the population are home-owners. They are also prodigious borrowers. What are the consequences for the country's financial mergers? The presenter of this investigation is Mary Goldring (r)
11.48 Lines of Communication: Patrick Hannan looks at the way that public figures respond to their own public image.
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer advice. Presented by John Howard
12.27 Instant Sunshine... Reasonably Together Again: Entertaining words and music with special guests The Hot Club of London. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One; News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 Woman's Hour. Sue MacGregor and special guest Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister. This edition also includes the thirteenth instalment of Circles in a Forest, by Dalene Matthee, read by Sean Barrett.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: (s) The Shout, by Robert Graves. With David Suchet and Janet Maw in the cast. The story of a man who believes he has a remarkable power:the ability to shout people to death.

Mrs Thatcher: on Woman's Hour, Radio 4,2.00pm

A local couple invite him to their home, with startling consequences (s)
4.00 News.
4.05 Bookshelf with Susan Hill. This edition is devoted to Chevalier's comic masterpiece Clochemerle.
4.35 Kaleidoscope
5.00 PM. News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather
6.00 News.
6.30 My Music: The ever-popular music panel game. With Steve Race, Denis Norden, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and John Amis. (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Letters sent in by listeners in response to last week's Any Questions?
7.40 A Musical Evening in America: Telen Bevan talks to mezzo-soprano Tatiana Troyanos.
8.40 Profile: Portrait of a public figure or a private individual.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners.
9.30 Barry Fantoni's Chinese horoscopes: The Rat.
9.45 Kaleidoscope.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Fall of Kelvin Walker, by Alasdair Gray. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

Leeds to rethink away fan curbs

By Martin Searby

Leeds United, at the centre of another row about their unruly fans after incidents at West Bromwich Albion last Saturday, are keen for the Football Association to ban their supporters from all away matches for at least two years.

The club feel that anything less will be insufficient to deter the troublemakers who have given the team an unenviable reputation throughout the football world.

Leeds were quite happy with the original prohibition on travelling supporters, imposed after trouble at St Andrew's 18 months ago, and were dismayed when other clubs complained to Lancaster Gate that they were losing revenue as a result of it. The moment the FA lifted the restriction, there was trouble at Odsal Stadium during the game with Bradford City, when a mobile fish-and-chip bar was overturned and burned.

Maxwell Holmes, the Leeds director who has dealt with all the incidents, said yesterday: "We saw the original ban as being quite successful and effective and we asked for it to be continued for at least two years so that the hooligan element would gradually drift away and trouble would cease to be a habit. We were not happy with the FA decision which seemed to be based on many factors other than crowd problems, and we can only hope that they do not change their minds again."

Mr Holmes also called for a consistent policy from the police who, he claims, have often let in fans who do not have tickets rather than have them walking through town centres crowded with Saturday shoppers.

"The Metropolitan Police meet trains at King's Cross and those without tickets are put on the next one home" he said. "But at The Hawthorns last week, police let in 197 that we know about rather than have them loose in West Bromwich. They told us they had more resources inside the ground to deal with any trouble than were available in the town. I don't think that was right but it was a decision taken by the local commander.

"We are desperate to rid ourselves of these thugs and the image the world has of Leeds United but while the FA and the Football League accept our good intent we do need a cohesive policy thrashed out between all parties with money the last consideration. We will be happy to see the ban on our fans extended for as long as it takes to solve this hideous problem."

● Coventry City's midfield player, Lloyd McGrath, went into hospital yesterday for exploratory surgery on his right knee. The England Under-21 international, who damaged the joint in a pre-season match and has been troubled ever since, limped out of Saturday's home match against Leicester City.

United leave the door ajar but go unpunished

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Split

Hajduk Split 0
Dundee United ..... 0.

(Dundee United win 2-0 on agg)

Dundee United were ushered politely through to the last eight of the UEFA Cup last night. They were allowed to reach the quarter-finals of a European competition for the fourth time in five years only because of the astonishing incompetence of Hajduk Split in front of goal.

The Yugoslavs, who had never failed to win any of the previous 20 UEFA Cup ties staged in their own stadium, threw away that record in a manner which provoked understandable demonstrations of anger and derision on the terraces. The generosity of an otherwise talented side almost defied belief.

The loss of their three outstanding players — Sliskovic and the Vujovic twins who all joined French clubs before the start of the season — has inevitably diminished Hajduk's talent. But that cannot explain their waywardness, which was even more striking than that of the national side against England at Wembley last month.

Jim McLean had won half of the battle within his own camp. Although Malpas and Sturrock were withdrawn through injury as well as Hegarty, two others of his more experienced representatives, Milne and Bannon, had been passed fit. So had McInally, who opened the scoring in the first leg, but by the narrowest of margins.

United were depleted, a feature rendered even more visible by the sight of Narey, their captain, wearing a heavy bandage around his left knee. Their main weakness lay on either side of him and his young partner, Clark. Though the central doors were locked, the side entrances were opened with alarming frequency.

Holt and McGinnis, neither of whom was selected a fortnight ago, were United's guardians on the flanks and, bravely though they attempted to carry out their duties, the Yugoslavs played on their nerves. Within a mere half an hour, Hajduk could legitimately have not only erased United's two-goal advantage but also built a substantial lead of their own.

The source of all five openings was to be found on touchlines shrouded in Adriatic Sea mist. Asanovic started the sequence with a corner and Miljus, the only present member of the international squad, ended it by riding a couple of tackles and deliberately curling his cross away from Thompson.

Hajduk, effective in temporarily unhinging United's back four, were so ineffective when attempting to finish the moves that Thompson was not required on any occasion to make a genuine save. The sights of Deveric, Jerolimov and Bursac, with their heads, and Bursac, with a side-foot, were all embarrassingly awry.

By the time that Bursac, released by a deflection, had nodded feebly into Thompson's arms, it had become apparent that United would be safe. Even if they did commit the odd error, it was unlikely that they would be punished more than once. Indeed, it took the Yugoslavs an hour even to threaten to reduce the overall deficit.

A couple of free kicks either side of the interval, from Clark and Redford, suggested that United, though confined largely to their own territory, might have the temerity to increase it. Yet Hajduk, abandoning all thoughts of their own security, came forward to beat Thompson three times within the closing half-hour.

Still their final touch let them down. Jerolimov aimed his header at the feet of McGinnis, who was hugging a post; Andrijasevic subsequently rumbled through from the back and almost removed the bar from its hinges with a ferocious drive; and Bursac completed a bemusingly toothless display by striking a post.

HAJDUK SPLIT: M Pralija, B Miljus, D Setinov, Z Andrijasevic, Z Vujic, D Celic, A Jerolimov, L Peruzovic, M Bursek, O Osanovic, S Deveric.
DUNDEE UTD: W Thompson, G McGinnis, J Holt, J McInally, J Clark, D Narey, D Beaumont, R Milne, E Bannon, K Gallacher, I Redford.
Referee: I Kolzer (Netherlands).

Part-timers make £50,000 in Cup run

Part-timers Chorley took a 5-0 exit from the FA Cup but were still laughing all the way to the bank after the second round replay at fourth division Preston North End on Tuesday night. Their share of the receipts from a Deepdale attendance of 16,417 took the club's Cup jackpot to an estimated £50,000 from nine matches in the competition.

Preston's top scorer, John Thomas, was the destroyer-in-chief with his third hat-trick of the season in the Cup. He struck twice in the first half as the Multipart League side clearly struggled to find their feet on the artificial pitch and hit the third with a 59th minute penalty taking his season's tally to 17

Oshor Williams and Gary Brazil completed the one-sided run that Chorley manager Ken Wright lavished praise on his players. "It was our first experience on the plastic pitch and they play on it every week. It made it a completely different game but we battled for a full 90 minutes.

"Now it's back to the grass roots and the nitty gritty of our own League. I always said that for us the FA Cup is about glory and a few quid and we got both."

The Bristol City manager, Terry Cooper, heaved a sigh of relief when his side eventually beat down a fine fighting Bath City 3-0 in their second round replay. There was so much at stake and victory went a long way to appease the fans unhappy with the side's inconsistency this season.

The big prize in the third round is a home tie with the high-riding second division Plymouth Argyle and a West Country bonanza which will net £20,000 to both clubs with money to spare.

Cooper admits to being frustrated and his side did not really break down Bath until the last 10 minutes. Winger Gordon Owen who scored a 34th minute penalty completed a double in the 86th minute after striker Steve Neville had virtually sealed Bath's fate, with Bristol's second goal.

Bath confirmed manager Bobby Jones's opinion that there is little to choose between the top non-League sides and those in the fourth Division, as his club emerged with a £20,000 reward from their cup exploits.

In the shock of the second round, Caernarfon Town went to the ground of the third division club, York City, and returned with a 2-1 win. After drawing 0-0 at home on Saturday they led 2-0 in the replay with goals from Salmon and Craven. Although Canham pulled one back in the 78th minute but the Multipart League club held to earn a third round tie at home to Barnsley.

Defenders back for Chelsea

The Chelsea defenders, Joe McLaughlin and Colin Pates, are set to return for Sunday's televised first division match with Liverpool at Anfield after missing last week's 4-0 home defeat by Wimbledon. McLaughlin has recovered from influenza while Pates, the captain, has shaken off a rib injury.

● Brighton and Hove Albion are giving a Christmas gift to their young fans by allowing children under the age of 16 free terrace admission for their home game against Shrewsbury Town on Sunday, December 21. The club's directors hope to boost the attendance at a time when gates all over the country are notoriously thin.

● Neil Warnock, the manager of the Vauxhall Conference club Scarborough, has been named as the Gola manager of the month for November. Warnock, who joined Scarborough in the summer, receives the award after taking the club to second place following an unbeaten sequence of six matches during the month. He will receive a cheque for £100 for his efforts.

Barry Hills, the new master of Manton, parades under the clock tower with Robert Sangster, and former stable jockey, Steve Cauthen, who travelled down from Newmarket for a day's shooting on the estate. Sangster appointed Hills as his new trainer at Manton after sacking Michael Dickinson on November 25 (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

CRICKET

Rebels demolished by pace of le Roux

Cape Town (Reuter) — The rebel Australian cricketers collapsed to 15 for seven on their way to a crushing eight-wicket defeat by South Africa in the second of their one-day international matches yesterday.

The Australians, destroyed by fiery pace bowling from Garth le Roux, recovered slightly to 85 all out after 34 off their allotted 50 overs. South Africa hit the required runs with ease, reaching 86 for two in 15 overs.

The home side's second win gave them an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the four-match day-night series. The second game was washed out by torrential rain. The Australian batsmen found le Roux virtually unplayable as he took six for 21 in his 10 overs, ripping the heart out of the Australian middle order.

Fast bowlers Corrie van Zyl and Brian McMillan took two wickets each as the touring side, who elected to bat after winning the toss, were thoroughly outclassed by a determined South African side.

Only a spirited ninth wicket stand of 53 by Mike Taylor and Rod McCurdy saved the Australians from total humiliation. Taylor's 36 not out included one six. None of the other top eight batsmen reached double figures.

South Africa made short work of their task after makeshift opener Dave Richardson, standing in for the injured Henry Fotheringham, fell leg before to Rodney Hogg for three.

Monday's match in Johannesburg was washed out by rain after South Africa had won the first by six wickets in Verwoerdburg on Saturday.

AUSTRALIAN XI
S B Smith c Richardson b Van Zyl 4
K C Wessels c Kirsten b Van Zyl 2
G N Yallop c McKenzie b le Roux 2
*K J Hughes c Richardson b le Roux 2
M D Taylor not out 36
M D Haysman lbw b le Roux 0
P I Faulkner b le Roux 0
†S J Rixon c Rice b le Roux 0
R M Hogg c Rice b le Roux 12
R J McCurdy c Richardson b McMillan 16
T M Alderman b McMillan 0
Extras (lb 2, nb 1, w 6) 9
Total (34 overs) 85
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-8, 3-11, 4-12, 5-12, 6-15, 7-15, 8-31, 9-84, 10-85.
BOWLING: Van Zyl 10-4-17-2; le Roux 10-2-21-6; Page 5-0-16-0; Matthews 6-1-22-0; Rice 2-0-6-0; McMillan 1-0-1-2.

SOUTH AFRICA
S J Cook lbw b McCurdy 47
†D J Richardson lbw b Hogg 3
P N Kirsten not out 30
K S McEwan not out 4
Extras (w 2) 2
Total (2 wkts, 15 overs) 86
*C E B Rice, K A McKenzie, B M McMillan, G S le Roux, H A Page, C J Van Zyl and S A Matthews did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-82.
BOWLING: Hogg 4-0-25-1; Alderman 7-2-26-0; McCurdy 4-0-35-1.

BOXING

King talk might still yield action

From Srikumar Sen
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The first world heavyweight title bout at Madison Square Garden for seven and a half years between Tim Witherspoon and James "Bonecrusher" Smith, tomorrow is still in the balance because of a dispute between Witherspoon and his manager, Don King.

Witherspoon's lawyer, Dennis Richard, said that he could not say whether the champion would go on with the bout until he had seen the contract today.

"I cannot say whether Mr Witherspoon will fight until I have sat down with Mr King's lawyers and looked at the document. If he is obligated to fight he will fight. But more than a question of money it is about rights and lights. And when he leaves the ring he has rights and the lights are not turned out on him."

Before the arrival of his attorney, Witherspoon was quoted as telling Jose Torres, the chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, that he was "fighting but not talking."

Yesterday's exchanges at a press conference between Mr King and Mr Richard seemed to imply that the bout had every chance of going on as scheduled.

Parkin tough in tight corner

By John Hennessy

Philip Parkin passed yesterday in the process of moving house in Houston, Texas, in preparation for his wedding next month to relive the previous six punishing days at Palm Springs, California, that had nevertheless brought him deep satisfaction.

"The tension of the PGA qualifying school," he said, "was unbelievable. You have to be there five days beforehand, so that you begin to feel that things are never going to finish."

Parkin, who will be 25 tomorrow, had not only won his tournament player's card, itself a rare achievement for a British golfer, but finished third in a six-round examination which virtually guarantees him an opening in any United States tournament he chooses, at least until well past midsummer. But it was an ordeal, however serene his series of scores — 70, 70, 72, 69, 70, 70, 11 under par — might seem.

"Somebody said that Pete Dye [a renowned golf architect] was told to make the PGA West the most difficult course in the world. He might have done just that."

Curiously enough, Parkin had not been too sure of his game at the start and often

Played the best under pressure

took a one-iron off the tee. "It was steady stuff, without any mistakes, but the last day was different. I said to myself: 'Hey, I've got my card now,' and I started using my driver. I hit every green and must have played the last four or five holes, when the pressure really began to mount, better than almost anyone. I was one under for those holes, and many of the rest were two or three over. My 70 was the best score among the top 25 in the pressure cooker."

Parkin, a cheerful extrovert whose ebullience happily falls short of cockiness, is at a loss to explain the difference between his golf in Europe and the United States. "Over here," he said from across the Atlantic, "I'm very solid and steady, with the right mental attitude, yet when I'm in Europe I do crazy things. I can hardly believe how badly I've done over there."

US card should give Cup edge

He played in few European tournaments in his first year as a professional, in 1984, and was 65th in the order of merit with prize money of £11,608. The figures in his first complete season were 32nd and £58,677. Although he fell only one place this year, his prize money plunged to £35,904. He thinks he will return to Europe in May a better player after the opportunities now opened up to him in the United States.

His marriage on January 17 will keep him out of the first two PGA tournaments, but he hopes to be ready for the Phoenix Open the following week. Thereafter he expects to play regularly until the end of April.

His first tournament in Europe will be the Epson Grand Prix in his native Wales, at San Pierre, Chepstow. What happens after that will depend on the results he achieves.

"Retaining the US card is my first priority," he says, "which means getting a place in the top 125 in the order of merit. If I don't make the Ryder Cup team from the European prize-money list, my experience of American conditions may be a help when Tony Jacklin comes to consider the three places left open for his personal choice." The match will be played at Muirfield Village, Ohio, in September.

BADMINTON

India postpones series

Six of Britain's leading badminton players will be deprived of a considerable Christmas bonus with India's announcementthat it has postponed plans to stage a five-match invitation test series

Steve Baddeley, England No. 1, was one of the players invited to attend the event as part of a European select team to face the Indian national side at a series of events throughout India.

However, doubts about the participation of India's No. 1, Prakash Padukone, has prompted the organizers to postpone the event

The other players who were due to attend the event were the Scottish champion, Dan Travers, who is set to fly out to India on December 27, the English trio, Mike Tredgett, Dipak Tailor and Nick Yates and an Anglo-Scot, Billy Gilliland.

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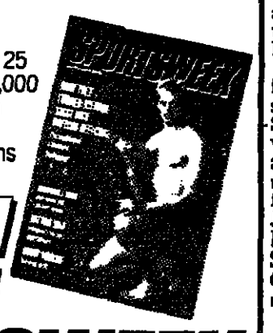

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Edberg returns

Stefan Edberg will return to the Kooyong grass courts in Melbourne, where a year ago he won the Australian Open, when he leads the holders Sweden in the Davis Cup final from December 26 to 28. But the non-playing captain Hasse Olsson confirmed when he announced the team yesterday that Mats Wilander, the world No. 3, would not be playing.

Wilander, who like Edberg lost in the Grand Prix Masters semifinals in New York on Sunday, had given advance warning that he would not be available because of his marriage in South Africa the following week. Anders Jarryd, Joakim Nystrom and Mikael Pernfors complete the Swedish team with Kent Carlsson and Johan Carlsson named as reserves.

Norman award

Greg Norman, the British Open golf champion, was voted Australian sportman of the year yesterday. The 31-year-old Queenslander, now based in Orlando, Florida, was also voted Australia's most popular sporting personality in a poll of 127 sports federations representing 6.3 million Australian sports enthusiasts. The Commonwealth 400 metre hurdles champion Debbie Flintoff, aged 26, of Melbourne, won the sportswomen of the year award and Robert de Castella took the award for the best single achievement of the year - his Boston Marathon victory in 2hr 7min 51sec.

Salnikov out

The Soviet double swimming world record holder Vladimir Salnikov will not compete in the European Cup in Malmo, Sweden, starting on Saturday. Instead, the 800m and 1,500m freestyle record holder will help to coach the nine-strong Soviet squad, which is led by double world champion Igor Polyanski.

On four wheels

The former world 500cc motocross champion Andre Malherbe of Belgium has his sights set on becoming the first rider to graduate to formula one motor racing. Malherbe, the world titleholder in 1980, 1981 and 1984 and runner-up in 1983, 1985 and 1986, has announced his retirement from championship motocross to try his motor racing luck on the Formula Three circuit.

Day's boost

Tony Day, who set two British records a fortnight ago, has been granted a Minet Award for Olympic Excellence. The Leeds-based Welshman will receive £4,160 between now and the 1988 Olympics to help with his training and travelling expenses. Currently studying physics at Leeds University, the 21-year-old from Clwyd claimed the British 400m medley and 1500m freestyle short course records at the Esso International in Toronto, but his performances came just too late to earn a place in the Great Britain team for this week's European Cup in Malmo.

Calling it a day

Peter Cooper, vice president of FISA, is to retire next summer as chief executive of the RAC Motor Sports Association.

Aiming high

Alex Dickson, of Larkhall, will meet Andy Williams (Pontnewynydd) in a 10-round eliminator for the British lightweight title, at Livingston, West Lothian, during the second half of February.

SNOOKER

Hallett tips the balance

By Sydney Friskin

The unseeded combination of Mike Hallett and Stephen Hendry defeated the seventh seeds, Neal Foulds and John Parrott, 5-1 to qualify for the semi-finals of the Hofmeister world doubles championship at Northampton yesterday.

It was a victory achieved through greater fluency of stroke and the ability to capitalize on opportunity — a virtue not apparent in the opposition, who had an uncomfortable afternoon. Two breaks of 34 and 37, both by Foulds, represented the best effort from this pair.

The outstanding player of the afternoon was Hallett, who tipped the balance with his keen eye, delicate touch and subtle tactical ploys. He said: "The first frame slipped away from us but after that we put our game together. In our last match we were individuals but now we are getting together as a team." Hallett's first telling blow was his clearance of 65 compiled when six reds were left on the table. It enabled him to level at 1-1 and he sealed the fate of the third frame by clearing from brown to black.

Hendry came more into contention in the fourth frame, a red despatched from long range leading to a break of 53 which left the opposition needing two snookers. Hallett and Hendry came out of several tight corners and eventually won the frame when Hendry potted the pink.

As his confidence grew, Hendry became more assertive and his breaks of 38 and 32 put him and his partner 4-1 ahead. Foulds and Parrott sat back to watch their own destruction which was completed by Hendry with a superb break of 83. They now meet John Virgo and Kirk Stevens today.

Steve Davis and Tony Meo, the holders, put themselves in line for their fourth title with a 5-0 whitewash on Tuesday night of Silvino Francisco and his nephew, Peter Francisco.

SCORES: Quarter-finals: M Hallett (Eng) and S Hendry (Scot) bt N Foulds and J Parrott (Eng), 5-1. Frame scores: (Hallett and Hendry first): 37-74, 95-14, 69-59, 68-43, 77-19, 83-0. Tuesday's quarter-final: S Davis and T Meo (Eng) bt S Francisco and P Francisco (SA), 5-0. Frame scores: 87-20, 59-57, 71-63, 69-42, 62-6.

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